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CASTRO MOONS DINNER GUESTS

HAVANA — Kooky Cuban kingpin Fidel Castro was hosting a swanky state dinner for a dozen stuffed-shirt diplomats and their families when the tipsy dictator suddenly stood, dropped his drawers — and mooned his 60 unsuspecting guests!

"We were just digging into our lobster enchiladas when Senor Castro climbed up on his chair, took down his pants — and showed his hairy butt to everybody in the room," said outraged Ava Ostaya, wife of Portuguese minister of state Sergio Ostaya.

"There were children there and they started gigging and pointing, and several women screamed. But most of us just sat there in stunned silence, because we couldn't believe our eyes.

"Then everybody regained their composure and wives started nudging their husbands and everybody stormed out in a huff. There's nothing like an old drunk's flabby rear end to make you lose interest in dinner real fast."

Fruitcake Fidel put his less-than-dainty derriere on display after inviting diplomats from 12 European, African and Asian nations to Havana in a bid to win political and financial support for his impoverished island.

"El Presidente told us to bring our families and have a good time, and it was obvious he really planned to roll out the red carpet," said Italian cabinet minister Mario Scarrone.

"He met us at the airport with limos, a military band and beautiful girls handing out huge baskets of fruit, and he provided us with beautiful accommodations at the finest hotel in Cuba.

"Really, he was a very gracious host — for about six hours."

Fidel Castro

But Fidel's cigar-chomping charm dissolved into rum-soaked ribaldry that evening as he presided over a sumptuous, six-course state dinner at the presidential palace.

"I've been to state dinners all over the world, and this was one of the most elegant I've ever seen," said dumbfounded French diplomat Denis Le Goualiac.

"But Castro had been hitting the wine and the rum pretty good all night long, and midway through the third course, he stood up and started babbling. He rambled on for more than an hour, not making a lick of sense, really. Then he started getting very vulgar, making fun of various ethnic groups, saying, 'No wonder those towelhead Arabs love their camels so much. Have you seen how ugly their women are?' — all sorts of nonsense like that.

"He kept waiting for people to laugh at his dirty little jokes, but nobody laughed and he was getting more frustrated by the minute. So finally he told another crude joke and when nobody laughed, he jumped up on his chair and mooned us all for a good 60 seconds — and I mean, his pants were down around his ankles.

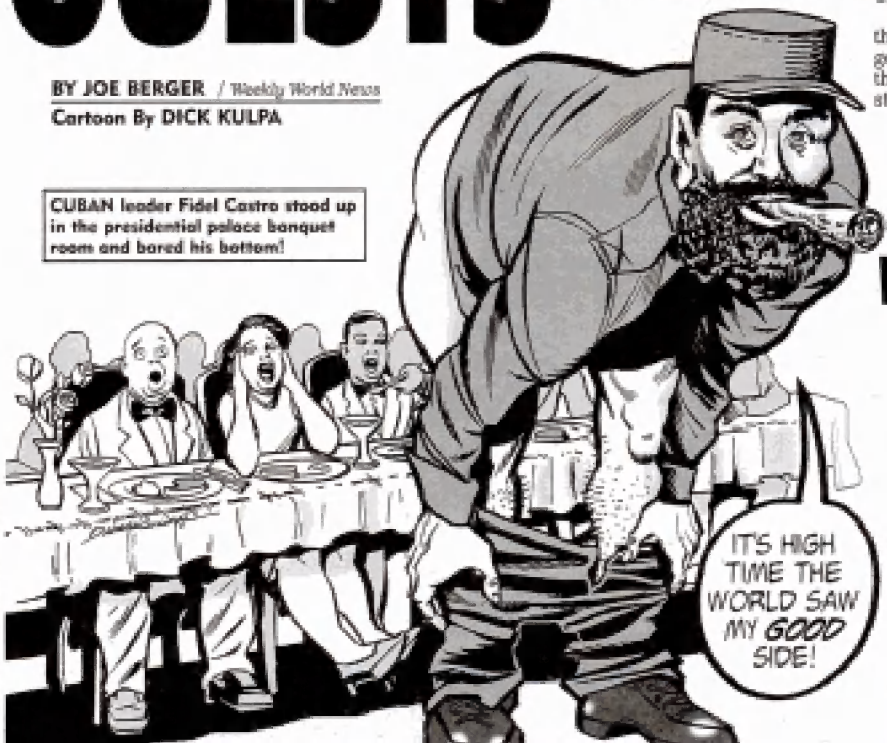
"I'll tell you, that cleared the room faster than any fire drill I've ever seen."

And first thing the next morning, the shook-up envoys packed their bags and high-tailed it for home. "We figured we'd seen enough of Mr. Castro to last a lifetime," said one disgusted diplomat.

BY JOE BERGER / *Weekly World News*

Cartoon By DICK KULPA

CUBAN leader Fidel Castro stood up in the presidential palace banquet room and bared his bottom!



Diplomats stunned when booze-buzzed Cuban strongman drops his drawers!

Vikings battled cavemen, say scientists!

LILLEHAMMER, Norway — The plot of the hit movie *The 13th Warrior*, which depicts heroic Norsemen in a bloody battle with primitive cavemen, may not be far from the truth, scientists say. Recent archaeological evidence suggests that hairy, ape-like Neanderthal men did not die out 30,000 years ago as once believed but were alive and well as recently as the 1300s.

"Many Viking legends of ogres carrying off fair maidens

NEW CLONING SHOCKER!

NEWS of successful clonings this past month have sparked efforts by research facilities in the U.S., Great Britain and Australia to set up child replacement services.

Revolutionary techniques take the grief out of losing a child to accidental death, murder or contagious disease!

By GEORGE SANFORD/*Weekly World News*

Heartwarming news for moms and dads: You'll never again have to worry about losing your child to accidental death, murder or contagious disease — because scientists will be able to clone a new one for you!

NOW SCIENTISTS CAN REPLACE YOUR DEAD KID WITH A CLONE!

Now that biologists have proven it's possible to duplicate human beings, labs around the world are rushing to put the technology to use, by offering "replacement kids" to grieving parents.

"There's no longer any reason why children like JonBenet Ramsey who are victims of sudden tragic death need to be gone forever," explained renowned embryologist Dr. Hortense Fields.

"Now we are able to keep genetic material from every child on tap — so that in the event of his or her death, parents can simply order up a replacement who is identical in every way."

Dr. Fields' statement follows an amazing breakthrough by Dr. Ian Wilmut at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh, Scotland, who announced that he had successfully cloned a sheep.

"The first documented cloning of a mammal finally convinced skeptics that humans can be cloned as well," explained Dr. Fields. "Indeed, since then there's been a report from a Virginia scientist who claims to have actually cloned a person."

The successes have sparked efforts at more than a dozen research facilities in the U.S., Great Britain and Australia to set up child replacement services.

Dr. Fields, who is based in Sydney, explained how the process will work: "All parents have to do is have a small tissue sample removed from the child as soon as possible after birth. This can be done almost painlessly.

"These cells will be kept frozen in liquid nitrogen until needed — which, hopefully, will be never."

But in the event your original child is murdered or killed in an accident, you simply phone up the lab with your request.

"What we do then is extract DNA from one of the cells and implant it into an egg cell taken from the child's mother," said Dr. Fields. "The egg cell is then placed in the mom's womb."

Nine months later your baby bounces back into the world, good as new, said the expert.

"The child will be essentially a carbon copy of your original — you'd never know the difference!"

The first replacement programs in the U.S. will be up and running by the end of the year, according to Dr. Fields.

But religious leaders here fear the programs could "cheapen" the lives of children. Said one Lutheran minister: "Parents need a chance to grieve — a dead child shouldn't be replaced like a totaled automobile."

Eating a chocolate chip cookie improves your concentration!

Want to improve your concentration and endurance? Have a cookie!

Scientists at Penn Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, have found that eating a chocolate chip cookie can improve your performance on a variety of mental tasks. In a study of 30 students, researchers found that eating a cookie improved performance on tests of concentration and endurance. The study was conducted in two parts. In the first part, students were given a cookie and told it was a new diet cookie. In the second part, students were given a cookie and told it was a regular cookie. The students were then tested on their ability to concentrate and endure. The results showed that students who were given the regular cookie performed better on the tests than students who were given the diet cookie. The researchers concluded that the sugar in the cookie may have helped the students to concentrate and endure.

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Are you being secretly spied on by a Peeping Tom?

By MIKE FORSYTH / *Weekly World News*

Watch out, gals! A pervert may be watching you as you shower, undress for bed and use the potty — and he may even be videotaping your most intimate moments and selling the footage for millions to see on the Internet!

Even more shocking, the Peeping Tom is most likely to be your own landlord or a trusted neighbor, warn law enforcement officials, who say voyeurism is at an all-time high nationwide.

"The problem is increasingly widespread — we estimate that one in five women is being secretly taped on a daily basis without her knowledge or consent," a security expert said.

"Peeping Tom photos have become a multimillion-dollar industry. As a result, it's commonplace for a landlord to outfit an apartment with hidden cameras before renting it to a young woman."

PEEPING TOMS are loners who can't relate to women face-to-face.

Here are seven ways to flush out the creep!

Here, from the experts, are seven warning signs that your landlord or neighbor is spying on you:

● **KNOWS MORE THAN HE SHOULD ABOUT YOUR PRIVATE LIFE** — Most video voyeurs eventually slip up by making a chance remark — such as asking "How's the juggling going?" when you only practice your juggling in the privacy of your own home.

● **STARES DURING CASUAL CONVERSATION** — Remember, a Peeping Tom gets his jollies from looking. If your next-door neighbor or landlord can't stop staring at your body parts, it's a good bet he's one of America's millions of voyeurs.

● **KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT VIDEO EQUIPMENT** — Video voyeurs develop a good knowledge of cameras and VCRs. So play the helpless lady in distress and ask the guy to help you program your VCR. If he's a video whiz who gets the job done in a jiffy, watch out!

● **NO MATE IN SIGHT** — Most Peeping Toms are loners who can't relate to women face-to-face. If your next-door neighbor is unmarried and never dates, better get some extra curtains.

● **STRANGE RED LIGHTS** — Try turning off all the lights in your home and then look around. If you see a tiny, blinking red light, that's a camera secretly installed to capture your every move!

● **MYSTERY CABLES** — Inspect interior walls and the exterior of your home. Are there some cables you can't account for in addition to normal cable TV wires? Chances are, they've been installed by the video snoop.

● **GETS ANGRY WHEN YOU STOP HIS FUN** — The ultimate test is to shut down the free peep show and see how the suspected Peeping Tom reacts. You can do this by turning off the lights and undressing in the dark, or showering at the gym instead of home. Check out the guy's face the next day — if he really is a peeper, you can bet you'll see a hostile look on his face!

DRINK TEA TO AVOID HEART ATTACKS, SAY RESEARCHERS!

BOSTON — Want to live longer? Then do like the Brits do and have a spot of tea every afternoon! Drinking at least one cup of tea a day cuts your risk of heart attack by 44 percent, a new study shows.

Research on 340 patients conducted by Dr. Michael Gaziano of Brigham and Women's Hospital found that coffee had no such beneficial effects.

Experts believe that regular black tea — as opposed to coffee and herbal teas — contain

Bizarre cult of look-alikes worships Michael Jackson!

OSAKA, Japan — Singer Michael Jackson has millions of fans in Japan, but none so fanatic as in this city — where dozens of young men have undergone plastic surgery to look just like their idol!

64 and ranging in age from 15 to 40, call themselves the Lost Boys and live in an isolated, no-women-allowed encampment where they sing

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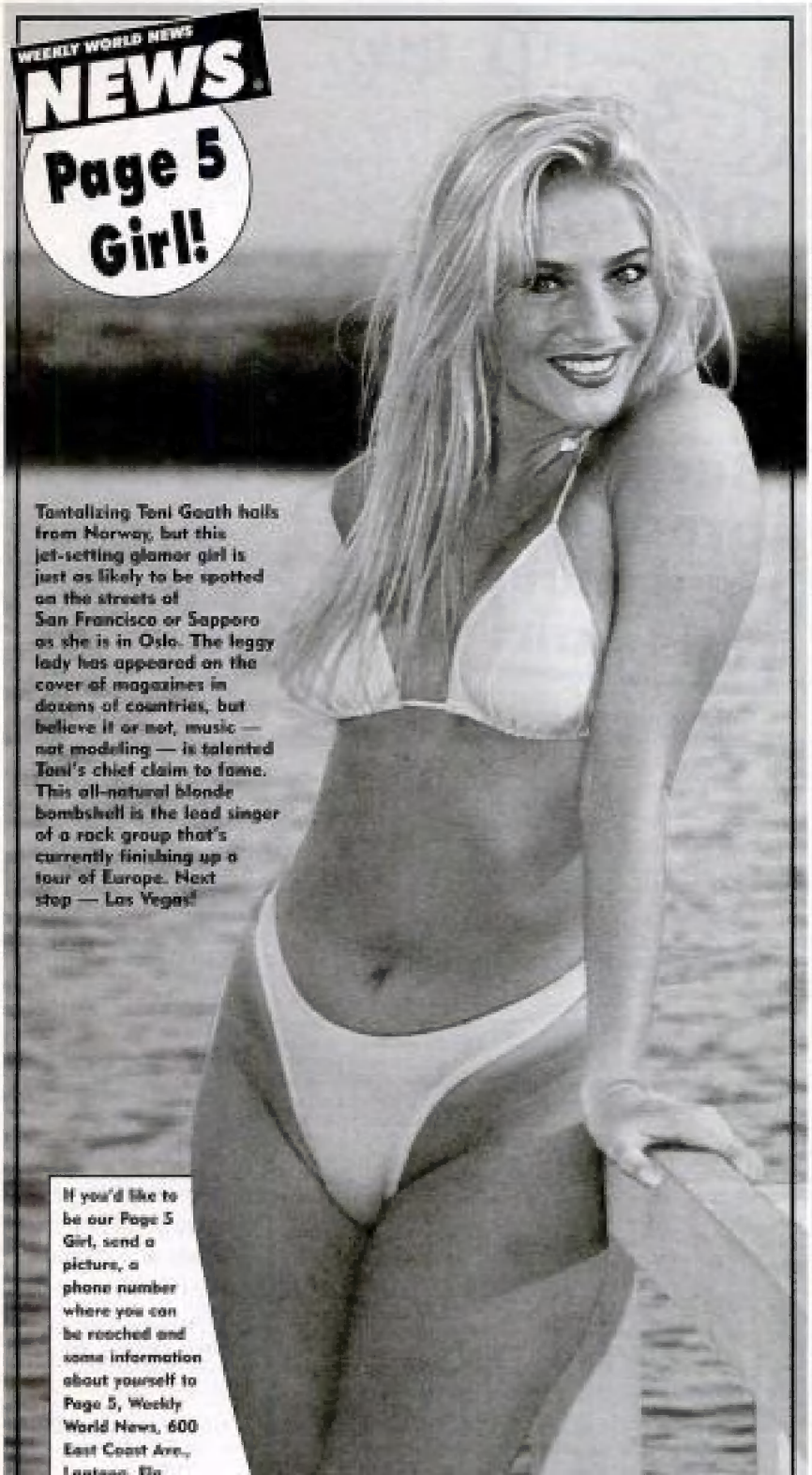

Tantalizing Toni Goath hails from Norway, but this jet-setting glamor girl is just as likely to be spotted on the streets of San Francisco or Sapporo as she is in Oslo. The leggy lady has appeared on the cover of magazines in dozens of countries, but believe it or not, music — not modeling — is talented Toni's chief claim to fame. This all-natural blonde bombshell is the lead singer of a rock group that's currently finishing up a tour of Europe. Next stop — Las Vegas!

If you'd like to be our Page 5 Girl, send a picture, a phone number where you can be reached and some information about yourself to Page 5, Weekly World News, 600 East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla.

Prevent cancer — by urinating every hour . . . says top doctor!

By JUNE SAWYER / *Weekly World News*

Want to avoid bladder cancer? Take a comfort stop every hour, experts say.

Going to the bathroom regularly will help your body eliminate dangerous chemicals that can cause cancer if allowed to accumulate in the bladder, according to a recent study by government researchers.

"Exposure to cancer-causing substances is directly proportional to the length of time the urine resides in the bladder," says Dr. Fred F. Kadlubar of the National Center for Toxicological Research in Jefferson, Ark. "The longer these substances stay, the longer they have to work on the tissues. If you increase the waiting time from one hour between urinations to six hours, the damage to delicate tissues increases by a factor of twenty."

Dr. Kadlubar and his colleagues discovered the damaging effects of retaining urine by studying the time the body takes to metabolize ADF, a known cancer-causing chemical.

Using four beagles, they compared the effects of urinating each hour to urinating every four hours or every eight hours.

Dr. Kadlubar found that the dogs' livers broke down the chemical into cancer-causing substances that damaged the basic structure of bladder cells, causing them to become cancerous.

Because the dogs' bladder function is very similar to humans', the researchers concluded that going for long periods of time between pit stops was dangerous to the health.

"This has an application in industry where workers are exposed to dangerous chemicals," said Dr. Kadlubar. "Workers could be encouraged to take hourly bathroom breaks instead of waiting for hours without going.

"Truck drivers, for instance, have a higher incidence of bladder cancer because they're not taking breaks often enough. This is the first evidence that frequent voiding will reduce damage to cells."

Exercising when you're angry can kill you, says new Yale study!

Taking out your frustrations by exercising when you're angry could do you more harm than good, according to a Yale University study.

Heart rate and blood pressure normally rise when you hit a tennis ball or jog around the block. But the study showed that they shoot up alarmingly when you exercise while angry.

This puts a lot of strain on the heart — and could lead to a heart attack, say experts.

"If you exercise while you are feeling O.K., that's good for you," said researcher Daniel A. Weinberger, coauthor of the study.

"But if you are trying to take your frustrations out on you could do yourself more harm than good."

Anger and exercise don't mix, agreed Dr. Frank Gerbode, cardiac surgeon and head of the Heart Research Institute, Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco.

"It's a good idea if you are feeling mad at the world to cool off before you go jogging. A healthy person could take it for quite a while but if he had an unsuspected coro-

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Homeowner Gary "The Hammer" Cordell, a former professional boxer with a black belt in karate, and his guard dog Bluto.

OOPS!

Burglar breaks in . . . and meets this pair!

By MIKE FOSTER
Weekly World News

MIAMI — A burglar who broke into a house got the surprise of his life when he came face-to-face with the occupants — a 200-pound biker and his snarling, vicious pit bull!

Homeowner Gary "The Hammer" Cordell, a former professional boxer with a black belt in karate, pounded the living daylights out of the hapless thief before his killer guard dog Bluto chased the crook into a bathroom and ripped him to shreds.

The bloodied and battered burglar barely escaped by climbing out a back window — but left his pants and a good portion of his buttocks behind.

"Somehow I don't think that guy will be coming back to this house," chuckled brawny Cordell, a member of the local Hellcats motorcycle club. "In fact, he'll probably steer clear of the whole neighborhood!"

Cordell, a heavily tattooed six-footer who works as a bouncer at a popular nightspot, was sound asleep when the heist artist forced open his front door late in the afternoon of August 27.

"The guy must not have thought anyone was home," said the divorced ex-Marine, whose bike was in the repair shop. "I was awakened when I stumble into the living room, I see this squirrely little guy dressed in black standing there holding a screwdriver."

Big-jawed Bluto had backed the cowering crook into a corner and was barking furiously.

"The poor little punk was already shaking like a leaf and when he saw me coming after him he just about wet his pants," said beefy Cordell. "I made him drop the screwdriver, then I picked him up by the throat and gave him a pretty good working over."

After using the intruder as a punching bag, Cordell tossed him into a corner like a sack of dirty laundry and told him he was going to call the police. But as soon as the muscle man's back was turned, the bruised burglar tried to make a break for the door.

"Bluto was on him like white on rice," laughed the chrome-domed, goateed biker.

The dog bowled the thief over and started mauling his face and hands. When the whimpering wreck begged for mercy, Cordell called the dog scampering into a bathroom — with Bluto in hot pursuit.

"All I could hear inside was Bluto snarling and a lot of panicky screaming," Cordell recalled. "After hearing a window break, I looked in the room, and found nothing but a bloody, torn-up sneaker, pants and underwear — and Bluto gulping down a chunk of flesh.

"I called the cops and they say the trail of blood went for about a block," said Cordell. "That means the poor guy had to run that far to his car with no pants on — in broad daylight!"

Two women die reaching for box of doughnuts!

BOLIVAR, Chile — Two women slammed their heads together and died of cranial injuries as they reached for the last box of doughnuts on a bakery shelf!

"They just wouldn't give an inch," said one observer.

"They both ran full-speed and reached for the box and

MEDICAL SHOCKER!

Heartworms found in humans!

Heartworms — parasites which infest more than one million dogs — are now being discovered in humans.

"It was always thought that heartworms were an infestation found only in dogs, but the same worms have been found in 40 people in either their lungs or an artery near their heart," said zoologist Dr. Gilbert Otto.

By PAT WELLS
Weekly World News

"The first human case was discovered in 1970 — but only now are doctors beginning to look for the parasite in people. I suspect they're going to find a lot of cases.

"Theoretically, any person bitten by a mosquito could be affected. This is the only way parasite larvae are transferred."

Leading pathologist Dr. Antonio Navarrete said: "I believe thousands of people may be carrying heartworms."

Symptoms of heartworm — which can last up to four months — include coughing, chest pains, fatigue, shortness of breath and loss of stamina. Although it can be fatal if left untreated in dogs, it isn't deadly in humans, said Dr. Otto. "However, there is nothing that can be done to treat heartworms in humans." He said a drug made of arsenic is used in treating dogs but this drug could not be used in humans.

Dr. Navarrete explained how the parasites are transferred.

"The mosquito sucks blood from an infected dog. The parasite larvae must remain in the mosquito for at least 14 days or the larvae die. When a parasite-carrying mosquito bites a dog or human, it passes the heartworms on." He said the parasites lodge in the heart and veins of the dog. Female heartworms grow up to 13 inches in length, while males grow to nine inches.

Dr. Navarrete said a heartworm stays alive for up to four months in the human body. The worm may break up into pieces but it stays in the body.

"I saw my first case of heartworm in a human at Houston's Baylor College of Medicine. The heartworm was dead and the size of a quarter. It was in the man's left lung. I discovered it during a routine chest X-ray — that's how most heartworms in humans have been detected. Since then, I have seen heartworms in the lungs of four more patients."

The American Veterinary Medical Association estimates that 3 percent of America's 35 million dogs — more than 1 million — are infested with the parasite.

"Heartworm disease in dogs is spreading nationwide," warned Dr. Robert Knowles, a top veterinary surgeon. "I estimate that 20 percent of dogs in the southern states are affected.

"If a vet can detect the problem early, the condition can be successfully treated with an arsenical drug.

"But the worst cases are never treated. These are the strays that roam the streets. That's why the problem is so serious."

Docs reattach Siamese twins

MANILA, Philippines — Doctors report having performed the first successful reattachment of Siamese twins. The brothers, Esai and Eduardo Duarte, who had been separated in 1996 at the age of 13, were totally unable to adjust to life apart, physicians say.

"They were inconsolable. This was the only humane solution," surgeon Manuel Castillo said at a news conference.

Possessed poodle kills exorcist!

MUNICH, Germany — An exorcist who specialized in chasing demons from pets was killed when a possessed French poodle bit him more than 30 times on the neck and face.

Franz Kregler's head was nearly severed in the attack, a German newspaper reports.

NARROW-FACED FOLKS MORE LIKELY TO BE SHY!

People with narrow faces are more likely to be shy! That's the surprising word from Harvard University researchers.

About one in five children is born with a tendency toward shyness. Of those, most have narrow faces, the scientists said.

It seems genetics may play a role in the physical characteristics of shy people. The growth of facial bones may be influenced by the same genes that produce shyness.

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BIBLICAL TREE OF LIFE FOUND IN IRAQ?

By MIKE FOSTER / *Weekly World News*

AL BASRAH, Iraq — A majestic tree that dates back 3.8 million years and belongs to no known species may be the Tree of Life described in the Holy Bible, a German botanist claims.

And if so, the tree's fruit could help unlock the secret of immortality!

"This tree may soon make death a thing of the past," said Dr. Erich Dorfmann, who announced his discovery in a recent issue of the German magazine, *Botanical Science*.

The Tree of Life appears in the Bible shortly after Adam and Eve break God's commandment and eat fruit from another tree, the Tree of Knowledge — giving them understanding of good and evil.

God orders His angels to eject man from the Garden of Eden, "lest he put forth his hand and take also of the Tree of Life and eat and live forever" (Genesis 3:22).

For centuries explorers and religious pilgrims have sought the Tree of Life, convinced its fruit would have fountain-of-youth-like properties. But until now, all such expeditions ended in failure.

Dr. Dorfmann says he first became obsessed with finding the mythical tree back in 1979.

"Nowhere in the Scriptures does it suggest that the Tree of Life was uprooted from Earth by the Almighty," he pointed out. "I realized that it still had to be down here somewhere."

The scientist pinpointed the location of the Garden of Eden based on the Biblical description, which places it south of where four ancient rivers diverged, including the Tigris and Euphrates.

"This put Eden in Iraq, just north of the Persian Gulf, an area that is now a wasteland," he said.

For more than 20 years, the botanist scoured the region by truck, examining any unusual flora he encountered. Finally, in mid-August he hit paydirt — spotting a towering 90-foot tree with thick, winding roots and long, hanging branches.

"I was struck at once by its unique physical appearance, more closely resembling trees of Australia than the Middle East," he said. "Genetic tests conducted on cuttings confirmed that it bears no relation to any other tree native to the region — or, in fact, the planet."

More remarkably still, dating techniques put the tree at approximately 3.8 million years old — before the first humans walked the Earth.

"This is eons older than any other tree and defies everything we know about botany," the expert.

Hanging from the tree is a single fig-like fruit — which is highly significant. While the forbidden fruit of the Bible is often referred to as an apple, most scholars agree that it was probably a fig.

Now the excited botanist is asking permission from President Saddam Hussein's government to study the mysterious fruit. But he promises to exercise caution in pursuing any further research.

"We don't know what effect pluck-

It's 3 million years old and its fruit could make death a thing of the past, famed botanist claims

MAJESTIC TREE, above, was discovered in the wastelands of Iraq, just north of the Persian Gulf. Dr. Erich Dorfmann, inset, examines the tree that he believes could unlock the secret of immortality.

Giant clam shocker!

MANILA, Philippines — Marine biologist Esai Garcia was examining a six foot wide giant clam and was stunned to find the skeletal remains of a full-grown man inside, a newspaper reports.

Acknowledging the victim turned out to

JUST FOR LAUGHS

Did you read about the sky diver who asked for instructions on how to use the parachute? The instructor told him, "You count to ten and pull the rip cord." The sky diver said, "W-w-w-w-what w-w-w-w-was th-th-th-that n-n-n-n-n-n-

DANA AMOS places flowers on the grave of her brother. He gave her the ultimate birthday gift . . . life.

Transplant of tears!

LOVING brother Jimmy Amos sacrificed his own life so his sister could live.

Boy hangs himself — so kid sister can have his liver!

By JOE BERGER / *Weekly World News*

BRISBANE, Australia — Heartsick schoolboy Jimmy Amos was so afraid his little sister Dana would die before doctors could find her an organ donor that he hanged himself — so ailing Dana could have his liver!

Shell-shocked mom Holly Amos found her 12-year-old son's lifeless body dangling from a eucalyptus tree behind their home on Dana's ninth birthday. Pinned to gentle Jimmy's shirt was a handwritten note that read:

"Please, please hurry so my liver won't die and Dana can have it. This is my birthday present to her because I love her so much. Mom, Dad, I love you too. Don't cry. I am happy to help Dana. Love, Jimmy."

Later that day, dying Dana received her brother's liver in a five-hour transplant operation — and somber doctors say the surgery saved her life without a doubt.

"We knew the girl couldn't live another two months without the transplant," said Dr. Desmond Prine. "But try as we might, we simply couldn't find a replacement liver for her until her older brother gave up his life to make one available. The boy made the ultimate sacrifice, that's for sure."

9-year-old girl doing fine after operation

The touching tale of heartbreak and brotherly love began in 1989 when courageous Dana was born with an enlarged liver.

"The poor little thing was jaundiced and sickly right from the start, and we always knew that eventually she would need a new liver," recalled her heartbroken mom. "Jimmy was a wonderful boy and he said the time was here. They put her name on the list for a new liver, but there were so many people who needed them that there weren't enough to go around.

"And as the time went on and the end grew closer for Dana, we all grew more and more frantic — especially poor Jimmy.

"Jimmy had always been very protective of his little sister and he loved her more than anything. When Dana was in the hospital, they had to put a cot in her room for Jimmy because he simply refused to leave her.

"The thought of her dying was more than he could stand."

So on Dana's ninth birthday, dejected Jimmy looped a noose around his neck and hanged himself in the backyard while his unsuspecting parents were inside wrapping his sister's gifts.

"When I found him there like that, my heart almost stopped," horrified Holly told reporters. "But we didn't even have time to grieve for him properly. We had still in good enough shape to be transplanted into Dana's body. We knew we only had a matter of hours and we didn't want to blow it.

"It was our boy's last wish that his

A PORTRAIT OF DEVOTION: Dana and Jimmy with their parents Holly and Sandy.

NEW EVIDENCE MAY EXPOSE THE TRUE JACK THE RIPPER!

By MICHAEL FORSYTH
Weekly World News

MORE than 100 years after his bloody reign of terror, Jack the Ripper's identity is still a mystery.

For more than a century, experts struggled to establish the true identity of Jack the Ripper. The notorious fiend, whose nickname still conjures up horror a century after his bloody reign of terror, remains a mystery. Jack, who savagely butchered seven prostitutes in London in 1888, was the subject of one of the most intensive manhunts ever conducted, yet he escaped justice. But new theories have been advanced as to the Ripper's true identity. Here, for *Weekly World News* readers, are the 10 prime suspects. Read the latest evidence and you be the judge!

PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR — The Duke of Clarence and grandson of Queen Victoria. He suffered from syphilis, which slowly eats away the brain. The theory is that madness and a hatred of prostitutes who gave him the then-incurable social disease drove the tortured blue blood to murder — and the crimes were covered up by the British government to protect the royal family.

JOSEPH BARRETT — The boyfriend of Mary Kelly, one of the Ripper's victims. He fits the description of the Ripper provided by witnesses, he frequently hung out in the Whitechapel area where the murders took place and he had a big argument with the hooker the night before she was slain. When FBI psychologists later put together a profile on the Ripper, it fit Barrett to a T!

MONTAGUE DRUITT — A sexually perverted schoolmaster whose own family suspected him of being the Ripper. Significantly, the guilt-crazed lunatic drowned himself in the Thames River in November 1888 — the month that the Ripper murders suddenly stopped.

WILLIAM BURY — A wife-killer who was hanged five months after the last known Ripper murder. She, like the other victims, was a prostitute and her body was mutilated in the same horrible manner as they were. Chillingly, on the door to Bury's home, police found scrawled the telling words "Jack Ripper is at back of this door."

AARON KOSMINSKI — An insane Polish hairdresser. He lived in Whitechapel, hated prostitutes with a passion and was known to have homicidal tendencies. Doctors finally committed him to a nuthouse in 1890 and Jack the Ripper was never heard from again.

WILLIAM GRAINGER — A former medical student who had learned all the skills Jack the Ripper needed to carefully remove organs from his female victims.

The alcoholic Irishman was known to have attacked prostitutes on more than one occasion.

JAMES MAYBRICK — A cotton merchant whose diary was found decades later — signed Jack the Ripper! The chilling journal relates the murders in gory detail and runs up to April 1889, when Maybrick was killed by his wife, for reasons unknown. However, many call the diary a forgery.

WALTER SICKERT — An artist who was obsessed with the Ripper murders and was somehow able to graphically describe the victims' wounds, including details not readily available to the public. Some researchers believe he was involved in a vast conspiracy involving the Masons.

SIR WILLIAM GULL — The royal physician, with all the skills needed to perform the Ripper's slicing and dicing, he was spotted in Whitechapel on the nights of several of the killings. The theory is that he was trying to cover up the whoremongering behavior of the Duke of Clarence.

DR. FRANCIS TUMBLETY — Another handy-with-a-scalpel doc, he was charged by police with indecent assault and fled to America in 1888 — at which time the Ripper killings abruptly stopped. He is believed to have nursed a deep-seated hatred of women. And following his death in 1903, stunned authorities in the U.S. found among his possessions several carefully preserved uteruses!

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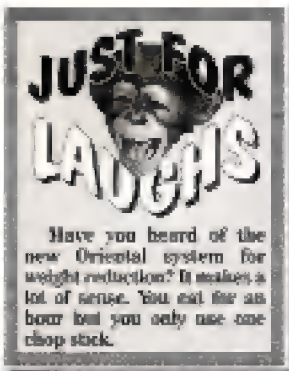

Have you heard of the new Oriental system for weight reduction? It makes a lot of sense. You eat for an hour but you only use one chop stick.

10 WAYS TO BEAT THE BLUES!

In a bad mood? You can save the day with these simple tips from an expert.

Remind yourself that bad moods happen to everybody. Just because you're not feeling 100 percent doesn't mean you're a bad or lazy person, said psychologist Perry Buffington.

Watch children play. If time permits, go to a playground or park. The giggling of children is a great mood booster, said Dr. Buffington, author of *Your Behavior Is Showing.*

Talk to the funniest person you know. It will help you get your day headed in the right direction.

Plunge into a few simple chores that require little if any creativity or legwork. Each time you finish one, you'll feel better about yourself and your bad mood will start dissolving.

Rank the tasks ahead of you in order of importance. Ask yourself: "What's the worst that will happen if I don't get this task done right away?" Do the ones that must get done and carry over to the next day any that you do not feel up to.

Here are some additional things you can do during the day to boost your spirits:

Touch anything that's soft and fleecy, like a pet or even a stuffed animal. Research has shown that stimulating the sense of touch will improve your mood.

Treat yourself to a small pleasure, like a bubble bath, an ice-cream cone or going window shopping.

Change locations. Step outside. Take a drive. Go for a walk — anything that gets you out of the environment that's causing your bad mood.

Cheer up someone else. Visit a sick person, suggested Dr. Buffington. "You'll feel great by knowing you've brightened someone else's day."

Rerun a favorite memory. "Let your mind drift back to a happier time — a scene from your childhood or maybe a TV episode that left you roaring with laughter. Memories like these can lift your spirits."

Trap door at Vatican baffles historians!

ROME — A tour guide showing visitors around the Vatican nearly sent a Polish woman to her death when he leaned on a statue in the Pope's receiving room — and a trap door suddenly opened up!

Quick-thinking visitor Ivan Krupenski managed to catch his wife Anya before she tumbled into oblivion and no one was seriously hurt in the mishap.

Now excited papal historians are trying to find out which Pope had the mysterious trap door installed — and how many if any, bodies are at the bottom of the 90-foot shaft!

WARNING TO RICH FOLK:

New law bans spanking the hired help!

MADRID — Employers who are thinking about spanking their maids had better think again! A tough new law in Spain makes it a crime to use corporal punishment to discipline household help. The penalty is a fine equal to about 650 U.S. dollars.

Here's why your hair can turn gray overnight!

CONSTANTA, Rumania — Seeing something scary can turn your hair gray overnight, just like in the movies, scientists say. In fact, in this Black country, where reports of werewolves, vampires and ghosts are commonplace, the phenomenon is so widespread that 45 percent of the population is prematurely gray. Rumania is the world's leading importer of hair dye, according to industry statistics.

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Q I understand that Michael Jackson was recently paid a huge sum to put on a private concert for the mega-rich Sultan of Brunei here in England. Other than a big paycheck, did the quirky superstar make any other unusual demands?

— Brian E., London, England

A The King of Pop asked to be put up in a suite at an exclusive London hotel and ordered that stacks of specially requested videos be left waiting for him.

Among the selections was one of Michael's favorite films, *Peter Pan* — the classic tale of a guy who never grows up and gets to live in the woods with his very own band of little boys!

HOOKED on *Peter Pan*: Michael Jackson

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Q I've always thought that Tina Turner's ex-husband Ike was a talented performer and I didn't like the way he was portrayed in the movie version of her book *What's Love Got to Do With It?* — which made him out to be a wife-beater.

Has anyone ever thought of telling his side of the story?

— Curtis A., Oakland, Calif.

WHAT'S revenge got to do with it? Ike Turner

A Yep. Ike himself has written a book titled *Takin' Back My Name*, in which the two-fisted R&B legend offers a rebuttal to Tina's account of an abusive marriage from Hell. Ike vows that his version will set the record straight by depicting Tina as a vengeful harpy who shredded his reputation after being dumped. "Now people will see Tina as a woman scorned," he says. "Women when they get mad, they turn on you. They might say anything or do anything."

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Q I've thought for quite some time that comedienne Janeane Garofalo ought to be a huge star. She's not only funny, she's also quite attractive.

All she'd have to do is drop a few pounds, plus dress less grungy and more like a movie star. What's holding her back?"

— Randy D., Lake City, Fla.

DOESN'T give a damn about stardom: Janeane Garofalo

A Simply put, jeans-wearing Janeane just doesn't care enough about stardom to do what it takes to make it big in Hollywood — so don't expect her to stop eating, get a boob job and show up at a movie premiere in a glamorous designer gown on the arm of an up-and-coming director. "You have to have a lot more dedication to what I'll call the machine," says down-to-earth former *Saturday Night Live* star Janeane. "I have 20 percent dedication. What's needed is 110 percent. You can't have it with the level of apathy I have."

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Q I'm a big fan of Catherine Zeta-Jones, beautiful star of *The Haunting*, and was somewhat alarmed to hear that she is reportedly set to tie the knot with Michael Douglas. Didn't Michael's last marriage end up wrecked by his non-stop womanizing? What is Catherine getting into?

— Sue-Ann E., Corpus Christi, Texas

A Not to worry! Recovering skirt-chaser Douglas — who divorced his last wife Diandra in 1998 after 18 years of marriage — is now a better man, thanks to sex-addiction therapy. "I've learned so much that I'm certain I'd be a better husband and father," claims the cleft-chinned superstar.

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Q I know that ultra-conservative Justice Clarence Thomas, the only African-American on the Supreme Court, is no Malcolm X, but is it true that someone recently overheard him whistling *Dixie* — the Confederate marching song — in his office?

— Amy F., Geneva, N.Y.

A You've gotten your judges mixed up. That wasn't Justice Thomas, it was Chief Justice **William Rehnquist** — and he wasn't just whistling *Dixie*. Justice Rehnquist actually led a sing-along of the Confederate anthem at a conference of lawyers held in Virginia. Critics who see the song as a nostalgic ode to slavery days blasted the judge for insensitivity. Rehnquist refused to comment on the controversy, but his defenders say the song was perfectly appropriate for the conference since it was held in the South.

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Q I know that movie swashbuckler Errol Flynn was a notorious womanizer and bedded scores of Hollywood's top leading ladies. But is it true that the big-screen Robin Hood even managed to win the heart of Eva Peron, the real-life figure that Madonna played in the musical *Evita*?

— Jerry F., Pueblo, Colo.

A Adventure-loving Errol really did get "in like Flynn" with Argentine dictator **Juan Peron**'s charismatic bride during a trip to the South American nation. When Peron learned of the affair, the furious strongman ordered Errol to get out of the country within 24 hours or he'd "be found dead in his room."

The actor hightailed it — but he managed to keep the affair with Eva going, meeting her on the many "goodwill tours" she took all over the

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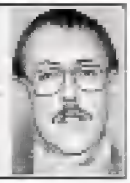
Atlanta lottery winner leaves waitress $million tip!

ATLANTA — Bighearted gardener Stoney Wetsger won a whopping $19.1 million lottery jackpot. Then he breezed in for breakfast at the tiny diner where he's eaten for the past eight years — and left the wide-eyed waitress a $1 million tip in crisp, clean $1,000 bills!

By JOE BERGER
Weekly World News



"Every morning since I moved here in 1991, Betty's brought me my scrambled eggs, bacon, home fries, toast, coffee and orange juice — and every morning she's brought it to me with a smile on her face and a kind word on her lips," easygoing Stoney, 44, told a reporter.

"She always made my day a little brighter and I always wished I could leave her more than a buck to show my appreciation. But I never could afford to do it, you know — until now.

"So this time, I hope it was me who brightened up her day a little."

Unsuspecting Stoney's life went from mulching and mowing to mutual funds and money market accounts in the blink of an eye July 17 when the tickled widower picked a perfect six out of six Lotto numbers while visiting friends in the Midwest.

"I almost never even play the lottery, but just on a hunch, I decided to spring for a buck — and when I found out I'd won more than $19 million, I couldn't believe it," ecstatic Stoney said later. "I went for the lump-sum payoff, so the government got a big chunk of my money, but I came away with enough to last me for a long, long time."

After shipping off $2 million to his schoolteacher son in San Diego, the fat-cat dad quickly turned his attention to the lady who'd brought him his java and juice every morning for the past eight years.

And early on September 1, poker-faced Stoney moseyed into his favorite hole-in-the-wall hash house and ordered breakfast as usual.

"I knew he'd been out of town for awhile, but I had no idea he'd hit the lottery — and the bum never said a word," laughed flabbergasted Betty Biaga, 41. "After he'd had his breakfast, he left this paper bag on the table and told me my tip was inside it — then he headed for the door.

"When I looked inside and saw all those thousand-dollar bills, I started screaming so loud I almost passed out.

"I still didn't believe they were real and all for me until Stoney sat down and explained the whole thing — and even then, it took a while for it to sink in that I was a millionaire."

But despite raking in more moolah in a single morning than she'd expect to see in many a lifetime, moneybags Betty says she'll go on serving up the scrambled and scrabble to a daily onslaught of nondescriminating diners.

"I'd never quit this job," said the delighted divorcee. "The tips here are just too damned good."

$$$SHHHH! Stoney gets the $1 million bag of cash ready for his favorite waitress.

WHATTA TIP! Lottery winner Stoney Wetsger, and lucky lady Betty Biaga dramatize the big $million moment.

THIS IS NOT JUST ANOTHER FISH TALE!

Fish farmers mourn death of super-stud sea trout!

AKUREYRI, Iceland — Fish farmers across the country are mourning the death of Big Blue — the greatest stud fish in Iceland's history!

The beloved fish was a giant sea trout shared by fish farms from here to Reykjavik.

He proved to be the most fertile stud fish in history — and folks here even insisted that his off-

fish farmer Hern Zvierland. "You never had to worry about raising enough fish when that guy was in your pond."

The supertrout was given a fu-

neral attended by scores of

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A few cups of regular coffee a day may keep the gallstones away, medical researchers reported in an article in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Men who drank two or three cups of coffee (not decaf) a day had a 40 percent lower risk of gallstones than those who didn't drink regular coffee in the study. Men who had four or more cups a day had a 45 percent low-

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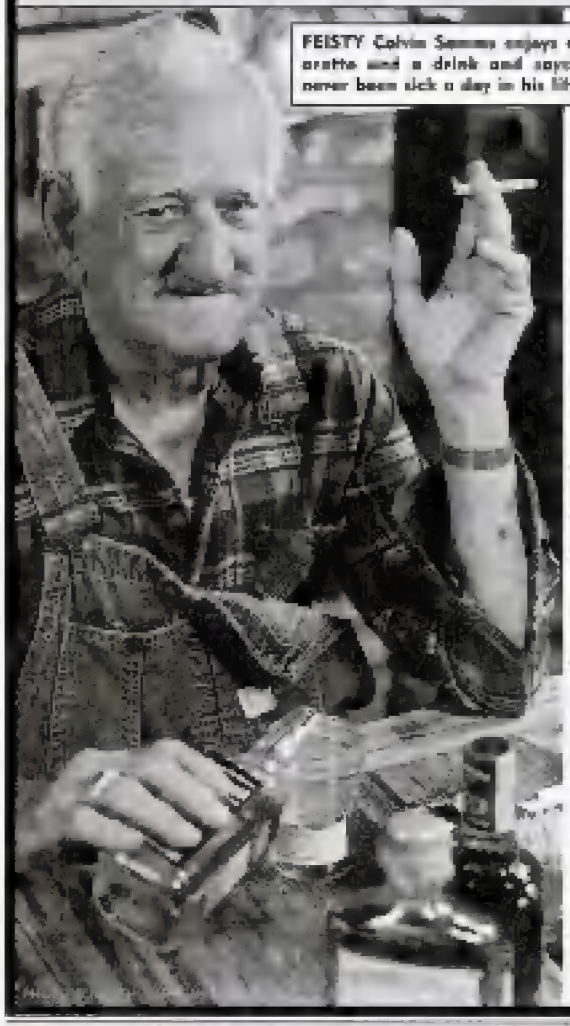

FEISTY Calvin Samms enjoys a cigarette and a drink and says he's never been sick a day in his life.

By JOE BERGER / *Weekly World News*

Ornery oldster Calvin Samms celebrated his 112th birthday by smoking three packs of cigarettes and swigging down a quart of Jack Daniel's — just as he's done every day for nearly a century!

"Having another birthday wasn't no big deal to me, so I told the grandkids not to bother with no damn cake," the crusty Kentuckian told a reporter.

"I said make sure I got plenty of Lucky Strikes and plenty of whiskey and then just let me be.

"I been smoking three packs a day and drinking two pints of whiskey a day since I was 15 — and I didn't see no reason why my birthday should be any different."

Cantankerous Calvin — born June 13, 1887 — celebrated the beginning of his 12th decade on Earth in the remote Cumberland Mountain cabin outside Middlesboro that's been his home for more than 50 years.

"I been living up here by myself since my back give out on me in '44," said the former factory hand. "My wife passed on a long time ago and my two boys is dead, but my grandsons bring me groceries and cigarettes and whiskey twice a week, an I don't have to do nothin' but sit back and watch the animals play."

Irascible Calvin says he's been putting away three packs and two pints a day since he began delivering moonshine for a great uncle 96 years ago.

"I run 'shine for Uncle Harley for more'n 10 years, and he told me, 'Boy, you gotta drink and do them cigarettes, 'cause the alcohol and smoke will preserve your insides,' " he recalled.

"And the truth is, everybody I know is either sick or dead and I ain't never been sick a day in my life — so I guess old Uncle Harley knew what the hell he was talking about."

The top 10 states where Americans would like to live

Florida is tops among states Americans would like to call home if they were relocating.

That's the finding of a survey of 10,000 households, which asked:

"If you had an opportunity to move, which one state would you most like to move to?"

The Sunshine State was the most popular, chosen by 10.5 percent of the survey respondents.

Other states in the top 10 were: Arizona, 8.5 percent; Hawaii, 6.7 percent; Colorado, 6.6 percent; North Carolina, 5.6 percent; Oregon, 3.1 percent; Texas, 3 percent; Tennessee, 2.9 percent; Virginia, 2.8 percent; and Georgia, 2.7 percent.

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In a recent survey of 1,000 people, 77 percent said they believe they can predict when they're about to fall asleep.

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MY AMERICA By ED ANGER

Newest example of government waste takes the cake . . .

$463,000 TO FIND OUT GIRLS WITH BIG BOOBS ARE DUMB?

I got up on the wrong side of the bed this morning and I'm madder than Hillary Clinton the day she caught her hubby Bill sneaking a peek at *Hustler* magazine in the bathroom.

Here's some disgusting news on how those liberal eggheads in Washington are spending our tax dollars.

Those airheads gave drooling researchers at Princeton $463,000 to find out if girls with big boobs really are dumber than girls who are flatter than a pancake.

And Surprise! Surprise! Surprise! as Gomer Pyle used to say on the *Andy Griffith Show*. Guess what they found out.

It turns out that girls with big 'uns really are stupider than the flat-chested ones, according to the results of their three-year study.

So the federal deficit goes up another half million smackers to find out something that I — and every other red-blooded guy on the planet — could have told them for nothing.

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And something is wrong with our great country, my friends, when the sports page of my morning paper reads like a police blotter and coaches have to bail their superstars out of jail just to field a team.

The National Football League has more criminals per square foot than San Quentin, for crying out loud.

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And it didn't make my mood any brighter when I read the latest report on the intelligence of our nation's children.

In 1934, experts determined that the average dog was as intelligent as the average 2½-year-old child. Now, a new Harvard study says the average dog is as intelligent as today's 9-year-old child.

Let's face it, folks. Either my dog Dodger has gotten a helluva lot brainier in the last few years or . . . well, you figure it out.

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My sources in Washington tell me the REAL reason that gas prices are expected to skyrocket this fall is the re-release of that 1962 hit *Ahab, The Arab*, written by Ray Stevens.

You remember, friends, the one that went something like this:

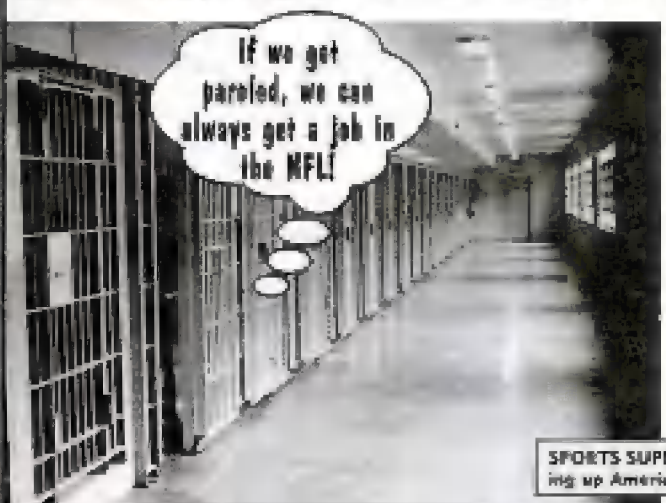
Let me tell you 'bout Ahab, the Arab
The sheik of the burning sand
He had emeralds and rubies just dripping off 'a him
And a ring on every finger of his hands
He wore a big ol' turban wrapped around his head
And a scimitar by his side
And every evening about midnight
He'd jump on his camel named Clyde . . . and ride

Well, it turns out those camel jockeys are slowing down oil production because they don't like that song one bit — and they say prices will continue to rise as long as America's disc jockeys keep playing it.

But screw 'em, I say. Call your local radio station, my fellow Americans, and tell them to play the hell out of that great old song — and tell those money-hungry Arabs to jump on their camels . . . and ride.

Ed Anger

NICE TO LOOK AT but don't let her operate on your brain. In fact, you shouldn't let her operate the dishwasher if you don't want a big repair bill.



SPORTS SUPERSTARS are rapidly filling up America's prisons.

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Accidents don't just happen — your mood can cause them!

Accidents don't just happen by themselves — unbelievably, a person's mood and personality can be key ingredients in causing them.

Here, in question-and-answer form, are researchers' latest discoveries about the causes and consequences of accidents:

Q What role does mood play in fatal auto accidents?

A A psychiatric study of 90 fatal auto accidents showed a high percentage of drivers at fault "had acutely disturbing experiences, usually quarrels," within six hours before the accident.

Q Does weather affect behavior in a way that makes a person more accident-prone?

A Yes. One study of weather's influence on behavior shows that "a sudden rise in temperature within a low-pressure area increases accidents and acts of violence. It stimulates aggressive actions in people who would be incapable of them in favorable weather."

Q Who's more likely to have accidents — introverts or extroverts?

By PAT WELLS
Weekly World News

A Extroverts. Studies reveal they are more likely to act impulsively, with little thought about the consequences. The introvert thinks before he acts.

Q Are you less likely to be hurt in an auto accident if you're young, tall and slender?

A Yes. A five-year university study showed that older people suffer more injuries in accidents because their bones are more brittle. Shorter drivers, whose faces are more likely to hit the steering wheel in a crash, suffer more head and facial injuries. And the study found that a person's weight is often a matter of life or death. A heavy person smashes around against the car's interior with a much greater force.

Q What is the peak danger period for fatal electric shocks?

A The chance of suffering a lethal electric shock is greatest in the two hottest months, July and August, according to a study by a leading life insurance company. One reason: Sweating lowers body resistance and leaves a person less likely to survive a severe electric shock. In addition, perspiration on the skin acts as a conductor of electricity, increasing the likelihood of severe shock.

Nazi butcher gets his just deserts!

MANAUS, Brazil — Hated Nazi war criminal Olaf Zimmerman eluded Allied troops and made his way safely to South America where he took refuge deep in the rain forest. But that's where the Butcher of Leipzig's luck ran out in 1952, say Israeli Nazi-hunters who recently discovered his remains.

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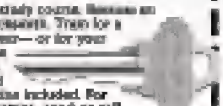

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FOUR-YEAR-OLD BEATS THE CRAP OUT OF PIT BULL

BEATEN TO A BLOODY PULP: Pit bull Sarge.

By ANN VICTORIA
Weekly World News

SANTA FE, N.M. — The parents of a 4-year-old girl are being sued by the owners of a pit bull — because the little tyke beat the savage animal to a pulp with her bare hands!

The facts of the unique lawsuit aren't disputed. Jon and Marie Dustine admit their daughter Tina did indeed trespass into next-door neighbor Ray Combrel's yard. They also admit she fought — and defeated — Sarge, Combrel's attack-trained pit bull mix.

The question is whether the Dustines are liable for the dog's $700-plus medical bill.

Combrel says the little preschooler climbed over the fence that separates their yards. When the dog rushed her, she retaliated — violently.

"I don't blame the child," Combrel says. "I blame the parents for not watching her.

"I was looking out my kitchen window and saw the whole thing.

"But it all happened so fast, I didn't have a chance to get outside and stop it."

Police say the snarling dog ran at Tina and jumped on her in an attempt to sink his razor-sharp teeth into her neck. But before the animal could bite her, the amazing girl grabbed his ears and yanked with all her might.

"All of a sudden she was a flurry of kicks and punches," Combrel said.

DEFENDANTS Marie, Tina and Jon Dustine are being sued.

. . . and the dog's owners are suing her!

"By the time it was over, Sarge's ears had been torn almost halfway off. He had a broken right foreleg, five fractured ribs and a fractured jaw."

Psychologists say such acts of superhuman strength can occur when people feel their lives are threatened. Famous cases include a 102-pound mother who lifted the entire front end of a Buick to free her trapped infant son.

DOG OWNER Ray Combrel wants Tina's parents to pay for his pet's medical bills.

PRESCHOOLER Tina Dustine was a flurry of kicks and punches.

Combrel says the veterinary bill already comes to $700 and the dog will have to go back for several follow-up visits.

"I think it's only right that the Dustines compensate me for these bills," he says. "Sarge would be fine if it hadn't been for her."

Combrel is also asking for $20,000 in punitive damages.

The Dustines argue that the child was only defending herself and that the dog was at fault.

Combrel plans to file the suit within a week.

Gals using date-rape drugs to get sex!

MIAMI — Gals are turning the tables on men — they're using "date-rape" drugs to coerce unwitting males into sex!

The number of female defendants suspected of using date-rape drugs such as Rohypnol has tripled since 1996, police say.

"Women not only like the idea of rendering a victim completely placid, they also enjoy using the drugs to erase all memories of the sex act, so he can't brag to friends," a law-enforcement source said.

Early Americans were all drunks — even the kids!

In Colonial times, Americans were total lushes, and even the children sloshed down staggering amounts of booze — all day, every day!

Back then, water was considered hazardous to your health and a drink fit only for paupers. So the standard fare for kids and adults alike was hard apple cider.

Men typically greeted the day with a tankard of cider and continued drinking throughout the day.

Farmers took to the fields with jugs of rum.

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THE CRAZIEST ROYALS WHO EVER LIVED!

King George III

By MICHAEL FORSYTH / *Weekly World News*

Kings and queens do the funniest things — particularly when they go stark-raving mad!

But their bizarre antics are no laughing matter for their poor subjects when the insane rulers hold absolute power.

Here, from the fascinating new book, *The Best Book of Lists Ever*, is a list of the five craziest royals who ever lived:

* GEORGE III of Great Britain — This English king went bonkers soon after losing the colonies in the American Revolution.

The nutty monarch once kept excitedly out of his carriage, raced over to a tree, shook hands with one of its branches and then talked to it for several minutes — because he thought it was the King of Prussia! He was finally put in a straitjacket.

* OTTO of Bavaria, who ruled in the late 1800s, was terrified of going crazy like his older brother and he fixated on the one activity he became convinced could keep him sane: Shooting one peasant a day!

Every morning, the clockwork, he'd point his pistol at peasants working in the royal garden and gleefully gun a hapless peon down.

After a while, as the number of available peasants dwindled, his household help found a way to outsmart the batty leader. They'd load his gun with blanks, then one servant would dress as a peasant and pretend to fall down dead when Otto shot him.

* CATHERINE THE GREAT of Russia, born in 1729, was obsessed with her hair.

When she discovered that she had dandruff, she had her hairdresser imprisoned in an iron cage for three years to stop the news from getting around.

She also became rather attached to a plant in the royal garden and so she assigned a guard to do nothing but watch it all day and all night!

Catherine the Great

* HENRI CHRISTOPHE, born a slave in 1767, helped lead the Haitian Revolution — then was himself crowned King and ruled as a tyrant.

Extremely paranoid, he ordered his guards to prove their loyalty to him by marching over a 200-foot cliff!

Those who obeyed plunged to their deaths — but they were the lucky ones. Anyone who refused was tortured and executed.

The deposed despot ended up committing suicide.

Judas Iscariot was murdered!

JERUSALEM — Judas Iscariot didn't commit suicide — he was murdered, a new theory claims.

According to Biblical tradition, Jesus Christ's turncoat disciple hanged himself after betraying the Messiah. But new evidence, based on an examination of remains found in a tomb long believed to be that of Judas suggests that he was strangled and had his neck broken before being strung up.

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By MICHAEL FORSYTH / Weekly World News

WASHINGTON THINK TANKS ARE RIDDLED WITH SPACE ALIENS

There's a simple reason why those Washington think tanks like the Brookings Institute and other groups keeping coming up with out-of-this world ideas — they are riddled with space aliens!

That is the startling revelation of Dr. Bernard Galthman, a former member of the prestigious Holt-Ventman Institute, who admits that his own group includes two extraterrestrials!

"Most people believe that think tanks are made up of geniuses handpicked from universities and the business world, and indeed, many members are," he said in a 20-page document sent to *Weekly World News* and other news organizations.

"But some members are in fact visitors from space who are eager to pass on their vast knowledge of science, technology, sociology and other fields to mankind."

Dr. Bernard Galthman was sworn to secrecy by his think tank superiors.

Dr. Galthman, who holds a Ph.D. in physics, says he was sworn to secrecy on the alien issue when he joined the Institute in 1988, but decided to quit and make the matter public earlier this year.

"It dawned on me that the people have a right to know who is influencing their leaders," he explained in his letter.

"Many government initiatives originate in these think tanks."

Of the 26 major think tanks in the United States, 18 include at least one alien — and some have as many as five onboard, the Washington-based scientist says.

The slightly built beings, who come from the planet orbiting the star Sirius B and have large, slanted eyes, sit in on meetings with earthly eggheads and join in freely on all discussions.

"The first time I wanted into a conference room and saw them sitting there, I couldn't take my eyes off them," the professor recalled. "But after a while you just got used to them."

Dr. Galthman says that aliens have been advising U.S. think tanks since 1941 and have been the guiding force behind many important government policies.

These, he claims include:

- The Manhattan Project, which resulted in the development of the A-bomb dropped on Japan.
- The eradication of polio.
- The Apollo missions that led to the first moon landing in 1969.
- Racial integration.
- The development of the Internet.

"Had it not been for the intervention of aliens, society would be very different," the professor said. A spokesman for the Holt-Ventman Institute called Dr. Galthman's claims "utter nonsense."

. . . and they've helped us cure polio, land on the moon — and even create the Internet!

SPACE ALIEN participation in America's most prestigious think tanks is making

Old geezer pilots safer than younger ones!

Do you think you're safer with a young hotshot piloting your plane than a gray-haired, wrinkled old geezer? Think again. Long-secret Federal Aviation Administration statistics show that older pilots actually have fewer accidents than young ones!

Dentist slaps 5-year-old patient!

BERLIN, Germany — A dentist was busted for slapping a rowdy 5-year-old patient during a recent office visit!

Police hauled Dr. Jens Dietrich off to jail after the incident, and a jury convicted him with assault.

the boy started resisting — it sounds like the situation just got out of hand," Detective Fritz Friedrich told *Weekly World News*.

"The boy's mother and a dental technician were in the room. The witnesses say Dr. Dietrich slapped the little boy

Change your personality — by changing your clothes!

You can change your personality simply by changing the way you dress, say experts. Your clothing strongly influences the way people act toward you and the way they relate to you helps shape your personality.

Here are some tips for reshaping your personality through clothing:

If you'd like to be more serious and efficient, wear dark colors and conservative styles. Studies show that stripes suggest authority and logic. So a man might select a dark gray pin-striped suit. A woman might also wear low-heeled pumps, says Alison Lurie, a well-known author. If you'd like to be more cheerful and outgoing, choose bright, sunny colors and comfortable casual styles. Yellow is a very good color for expressing cheerfulness.

For men, print shirts or western clothes worn in social situations suggest a friendly personality. Women who'd like to be more outgoing, especially with men, should wear soft, clinging dresses and skirts, especially in pink or rose.

For a man, a jacket and slacks or an Ivy-league suit says he's sincere and trustworthy with women, while an open-neck shirt and fitted slacks say he's more interested in a night on the town.

To develop a kinder personality, try wearing light colors, such as pastels.

A pale green shirt or a gold striped tie, or anything white, sends the message that you're helpful and considerate. If you'd like to become more of an individualist, wear red or purple.

Women who want to stand out in a crowd might choose fad clothing or designer styles, while a man can signal individuality through a bright tie or a red knit shirt.

"Buying a new outfit won't give you an instant new identity," said Dr. Rhoda Unger, a top psychiatrist. "But if you present yourself in a certain light over a period of time, eventually you will become the person you are projecting."

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GALS ARE BETTER BOSSES THAN GUYS!

Sorry, guys, it's official: Women are better bosses than men are!

Boss ladies get higher marks from employees and from the bosses' supervisors because they listen to feedback and adopt a democratic leadership role, researchers found.

Men, on the other hand, tend to boss employees like little dictators, experts say.

THE TAROT REVEALS IDENTITY OF TRUE SOULMATE BY NAME!

Tempe, Arizona—Julie Burgess was more depressed than she had ever been before when she called her tarot expert, **Sandra**. "Sandra knew immediately that I had been badly abused as a child and had never had any luck in relationships. It was very clear to her through the cards! I was amazed that she knew this. But what she told me next changed my life forever!" "Julie, your soulmate is within reach right now. He is a Leo and his name is Bob!" A few short weeks later, Julie met Bob: it was true love at first sight! Julie reports that they have already set a date for the wedding!

10-YR.-OLD BOY GETS BUSTED

DALLAS, Texas — A 10-year-old boy was suspended from

Just three rolls in the hay got me a '73 Lincoln!

AMERICA'S MOST OUTSPOKEN ADVICE COLUMNIST

LEANNE in Nevada.

Dear Dotti: I've worked hard all my life and for what? Nothing, that's what. I owe the bank, the credit card companies, the department store, the landlord — and that's working two shifts at the steak house six days a week just to keep my head above water. Well, I finally did something I never would have dreamed of doing in the past. And that's sleep with a used car salesman in exchange for a little something I've always had my heart set on — a Lincoln Continental. I know it's a 1973 model and the vinyl top's a little ratty. But I'm not exactly a "late model," either, and the rest of the car is in very good condition. Some of my friends say I prostituted myself, but for the life of me I don't see it that way. What do you say, Dotti — am I a prostitute? — Leanne in Nevada

Dear Leanne: You've not a prostitute — you're a slut, and you can tell EVERYBODY I said so!

I'm really sorry I fooled you with a bogus letter!

Dear Dotti: Recently, I wrote you a bogus letter about me being a child molester — and you fell for it. Then you called the cops, and they took me downtown for questioning about an unsolved murder of a little boy. I told detectives the truth during a hellish, five-hour interrogation — but they didn't believe me. Now they're tailing me 24 hours a day, plus they warned me not to leave town until I'm eliminated as a suspect. You've got to help me. I'm really sorry I faked you out. Please call the cops and tell them the truth. My life is at stake. This joke's not funny anymore. — Dan in Maryland

DAN in Maryland.

Dear Dan: I beg to differ, oyster lips, but from where I sit, the joke's just begun. By the way, I sincerely hope you aren't wrongly convicted!

My kids hate me 'cause I can drink 'em under the table!

Dear Dotti: All of my children are in their late teens and early 20s and it's getting so they hate and resent me by giving me any money or buying me vodka. I say they're just jealous because I can drink every single one of them under the table morning, noon or night! I've told them all before it's not my fault that I hold my liquor better than they do. But they say that has nothing to do with them avoiding me like the plague. And that's a damn lie! How can I force them to admit the truth to me, Dotti? — Doreen in Arkansas

DOREEN in Arkansas.

Dear Doreen: It seems like those kids should be extra proud of a mother who can drink them under the table at all hours of the day and night. But since they aren't, I strongly suggest that you forget all about them — and drink YOURSELF to death!

Mama was right: I shouldn't

CONFIDENTIALS

Dear Heartbroken, Humiliated and Suicical in Arizona: Say what you like — I don't think that gal would have said, "You're a dud in bed, Henry," if it weren't the truth!

Dear Animal-Loving Auto Worker in Michigan: Let's look at the bright side. People who buy SUV's are pretty rugged. They might ENJOY finding a nest of rattlesnakes in their glove compartment!

Dear Mind Reader in Pennsylvania: Contrary to what you think, buttbead, I'm not going to call you a "pinhead." Go die!

Dear Persecuted in Alabama: It's not your fault that arson, rape and murder are all against the law. By the way, you're not being persecuted, you're being prosecuted, pinhead!

Dear Terrified Nurse in Oregon: If you insist on lying about it, tell them your aide tripped over the wires and pulled the plug by accident.

Dear Nurse's Aide in Oregon: I'm certainly no psychic but I will say this: Someone is telling terrible lies about you — and the sooner you put a stop to it, the better!

good-looking, college-educated, rational woman of 28 and I've made a big mistake. It all started my last year in college when I met Bennie, a 42-year-old dwarf. He was charming and funny. He just seemed to be the most wonderful man I had ever known. After a whirlwind courtship, we moved in together. After two weeks of the best sex I've ever had, Bennie asked me to marry him. My mom begged me not to do it, but I agreed — and just as she warned me, once Bennie and I got hitched, everything changed. Bennie started falling into dark, black moods. He quit his job with the ad agency and started drinking heavily. He even invited his bum brother, also a dwarf, to live with us. I finally filed for a divorce. I've since found that dwarves often have severe mental problems. If I had known this, I could have saved myself a lot of grief. If this letter saves just one young woman from the heartbreak I've suffered, it's been worth all the time I've spent writing it. — Rachel in Minnesota

RACHEL in Minnesota.

happy/sad life with a psychotic dwarf. My friendly advice? The next time you go shopping for a jacket, make it a STRAIT!

Marry me now and I'll pay you $1 million!

Dear Dotti: I am independently wealthy and accustomed to getting what I want. At the moment, I want you. Should you agree to marry me, I will write you a check for $1 million to spend any way you please. You can verify my name, means and intent by calling the attorney named in an addendum to this letter. Your answer, please. — William in New York

WILLIAM in New York.

Dear William: A check? Get real! Send unmarked bills in a briefcase and I'll see what I can do!

Here's how YOU can write DOTTI PRONTO!

Send Los Angeles-based Dotti a letter, and a picture if possible — and let her tell it like it is. Write to Dear Dotti, c/o Weekly World News, 600 East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla. 33464-0002. We'll forward your letters to her. NOTE: Even though she

Dad's a lion, mom's tiger . . . so baby is a 1,000-lb. 12-ft. LIGER!

By TEDDY GERALD
Weekly World News

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SAMPSON THE SUPERCAT EATS 300 POUNDS OF MEAT A DAY AND RUNS AT 60 M.P.H.

Dr. Muhammad Antle with Sampson the liger — a mix between a lion and a tiger — and one of the rarest creatures on Earth.

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — This fearsome feline is Sampson, half a ton of terror that stands 12 feet tall on his hind legs, can travel at a mind-boggling 60 m.p.h. and wolfs down an incredible 300 pounds of meat a day!

The amazing animal is a liger, a cross between a lion and a tiger — making it one of the rarest creatures on the face of the Earth.

Sampson and his brother Sudan, the only living ligers in the world, roam their own 2.5-acre refuge — not in the African bush, but at Dr. Muhammad Antle's Institute of Greatly Endangered and Rare Species near Myrtle Beach.

The birth of a liger is a one-in-a-million event because lions and tigers seldom meet in the wild — and when they do, they're more likely to tear each other apart than they are to make love.

So when Sampson and Sudan were born at the institute 10 years ago, Dr. Antle was as surprised as anyone.

"Arthur, a lion, and Ayla, a tigress, were brought up together at our reserve and became good friends — very good friends, apparently," the trainer explained.

Dr. Antle and his 11 assistants care for 74 exotic animals — including 40 jungle cats — that have appeared in movies like *Dr Doolittle*, *Mighty Joe Young* and *Ace Ventura*.

But as well-mannered as the creatures seem when Dr. Antle is around, he says you wouldn't want to take a guy like Sampson home to the wife and kids.

"He's trained to act tame, but he'd rip you to shreds if he thought he could get away with it," the trainer said.

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Is my boyfriend involved with the Mafia?

AMERICA'S FAVORITE PSYCHIC

Serena Sabak

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ROSE in New York.

Dear Serena: I've been dating the same guy for more than a year now and we've even talked about getting engaged. But I'm worried that he's involved in the Mafia.

I don't have any proof of it but he's very secretive about his work and usually gets very upset when I ask him about it. And all his friends that I've ever met are real shady characters and I'm pretty certain they're gangsters, Serena. I've seen all the Godfather movies and I don't want to be involved in a life like that. Please tell me — is my boyfriend involved with the Mafia? — Rose in New York

Dear Rose: No! Your boyfriend hasn't had a steady job for nine months and he's had to make a living by doing odd jobs for people. He doesn't want to tell you this because he's afraid you'll break up with him. Assure him how much you love him and eventually he'll tell you about his job situation.

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Dear Serena: I'm an 11-year-old boy and I'm tired of living so far from the beach. My family travels to South Carolina once a year for a week but that's not enough for me. When I grow up, will I ever live at the beach? — Barry in Oklahoma

BARRY in Oklahoma.

Dear Barry: Your attitude will change when you grow up. Someday you'll have a chance to take a job in Hawaii but you'll turn it down and live happily in Oklahoma all your life.

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Dear Serena: Did my paperboy steal the welcome mat off my front porch? It was a brand-new personalized mat. Early one morning I stepped outside to get the paper and it was gone. If you confirm that the paperboy took it, I'll call the local paper and complain. — Helen in Washington

HELEN in Washington.

Dear Helen: Your paperboy didn't do it. The mat was stolen by a man who lives three miles away and has the same last name as you do. Check the phone book and you'll quickly find the guilty party.

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Dear Serena: Does my neighbor know I've hidden a listening device in his bedroom? I've always been interested in electronics and enjoyed using high-tech equipment and I just did it for fun the first time. But I guess I've become somewhat obsessed with listening in on his private moments, especially when he brings a woman back to his apartment. Then last night he said something that made me think he knows I have his bedroom bugged. Serena, if he knows and tells my husband, I don't know what I'll do. Please help me — I might be in a big jam. — Worried in Pennsylvania

Dear Worried: He doesn't know. But it's shameful that you used the key he gave you for emergencies and went in there and did such a terrible thing. When he's out of town next week, you should go in and remove your listening device. If you don't, I guarantee you he will discover it when he returns.

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Dear Serena: Whose fault is it that our daughter is marrying a freak? I say it's my husband's fault because he was rarely home when our daughter was growing up. He says it's my fault because I divorced him when our daughter was 13 and married a man who ended up killing himself. Where did we go wrong? Please look back and tell us how we could have raised her better.— Upset Mom in Arizona

CHRIS in Vermont.

Dear Upset Mom: Your biggest mistake is referring to your daughter's future husband as a freak. Just because the man dresses differently than you do doesn't mean he's a freak. In fact, when he makes $240,000 selling candles on the Internet next year, you'll probably change your mind about him.

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Dear Serena: If I grow a beard, will my girlfriend break up with me? She has threatened to do that but I don't believe her. What would happen? — Chris in Vermont

Dear Chris: The truth is your girlfriend's going to break up with you in a couple of weeks even if you don't grow the beard. I say go ahead and grow it — your next girlfriend will think it's very sexy.

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PERSONAL TO . . .

Suspicious in New Jersey: **Your son was expelled from college last semester. Tell him you know he's not going to classes like he says he is.**

Dead Meat in Idaho: **Tell your parents immediately!**

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Shocking study reveals: GETTING CAUGHT IN THE RAIN MAKES YOU STUPID!

CALCUTTA, India — Getting caught in the rain not only gets you wet — it also makes you dumb!

That's the incredible finding of Dr. Dainik Bhavan, noted psychologist and researcher.

Dr. Bhavan's tests indicate that prolonged exposure to rainfall can actually lower human intelligence by an alarming 15 to 21 I.Q. points for up to two weeks.

Test subjects lost considerable memory and reasoning power, particularly in the areas of mathematics and language skills.

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"I always felt there was a link between heavy rainfall and lapses in mental power," says Dr. Bhavan, 41. "But until now, it was just a personal belief with no evidence to back it up. I first noticed it in myself one day when my car broke down on the way to the lab and I had to walk several miles in the rain.

"That whole day, I had trouble concentrating on my work and doing basic arithmetic. I never forgot the experience.

"I felt sure there was a connection between the storm and my weakened mental powers.

"I talked to several friends and colleagues who had similar experiences. But I could never prove my theory scientifically because no one would provide financial backing for my research."

Finally, last year, a large British research group, concerned about the effects of the frequent rain in London, gave the controversial scientist funding for a project that would test his ideas.

Dr. Bhavan conducted his experiment on two groups of men, each comprised of 50 volunteers with similar I.Q.s.

One group was exposed to the torrential Calcutta rain four hours a day for 41 consecutive days.

The other group stayed inside during the storms. The difference in their I.Q. scores was alarming.

Although the professor is receiving cautious praise for his work from many of his colleagues, he has also drawn some skeptical reactions from certain more conservative experts.

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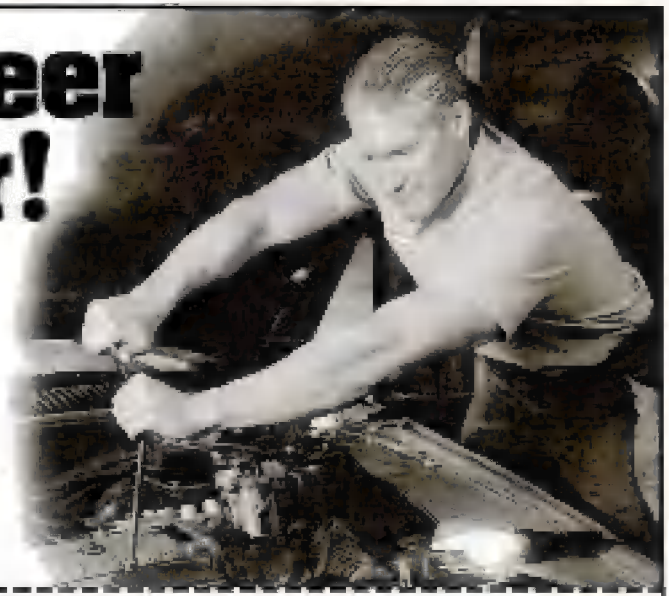

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GIRL, 9, WINS NATIONAL BEER-DRINKING CONTEST!

Little boozer chugs down six 12-oz. brewskis — in two minutes, 51 seconds!

PERTH, Australia — An incredible 9-year-old girl triumphed over five burly adult male finalists to win the 12th annual Perth Beer Bust — arguably the most prestigious beer-chugging competition in the world!

By KEVIN CREED / *Weekly World News*

Little Marie Mahoney drank down six 12-ounce cans of Australian beer in an astonishing two minutes, 51 seconds — barely missing the competition record of two minutes, 45 seconds, set in 1982.

The contest, which draws beer drinkers from all over the world, is an Australian tradition and runs for a period of four days each year.

It begins with competitors racing against time and each other to chug two cans of beer.

After a series of preliminaries, winning entrants advance to the semifinals and then to the final.

In each of the three successive semifinal heats, another can of beer is added until, in the final round, players must down half a dozen beers.

Marie's parents, Fred and Lisa, were able to enter the girl in the Beer Bust because Australia's laws regarding minors and alcohol are not as strict as America's.

Still, most of the contestants are macho men in their 20s and 30s with huge bellies and lots of barroom experience. So no one took Marie seriously — until she made it to the first semifinal.

Doctors say the girl has an unusually efficient digestive system, particularly in regard to her ability to swallow and metabolize alcohol. She can open her throat and bypass what is known as the "gag reflex."

Dr. Henry Markham, who examined her says: "When we swallow, food or liquid is eased down to the stomach by muscles in the throat that protect us from taking in too much. But Marie is, in effect, literally pouring the beer straight down her esophagus.

"This ability is coupled with an amazing tolerance to alcohol."

Marie's prize was $3,000, which her parents are saving aside for her college education.

She was given a standing ovation as she stood up and walked — without staggering — away from the table where her competitors remained woozy and dazed.

9-YEAR-OLD Marie Mahoney chugalugs a can of beer during the 12th annual Perth Beer Bust drinking contest.

MARIE raises her hand in triumph after downing the winning can of beer.

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL saw little Marie pitted against Australia's biggest beer guzzlers.

Man catches egg dropped from 9-story building

MUNICH, Germany — After trying for 12 years, a man finally set a world record when he used his bare hands to catch a raw egg dropped from the ninth story of a building!

Heinrich Sturn, 46, said he first tried the stunt back in 1987 in an attempt to win a bet. In order to win, he was supposed to catch the egg without breaking it. He lost the wager but became obsessed with the egg-catching idea.

He broke more than 95,000 eggs before finally catching this one — intact.

The previous record was held by Mexican cab driver Arturo Gomez, who caught an

Man hasn't blinked in 24 years!

NAGPUR, India — Don't even think about taking this guy on in a staring contest! A Hindu holy man named Vijay

Couple arrested for animal cruelty — because water in fishbowl was dirty!

CHARGED WITH GOLDFISH ABUSE: Police officer Haakon Carlsson, left, leads newlyweds Ingvar and Maria Gotenburger off to jail in cuffs.

By MIKE FOSTER
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UPPSALA, Sweden — A pair of bewildered newlyweds were arrested, dragged off in handcuffs and jailed on animal-cruelty charges — because they let the water in their goldfish bowl get dirty!

Ingvar and Maria Gotenburger were convicted, fined the equivalent of $500 and ordered to serve two days behind bars after running afoul of their country's tough animal-abuse laws.

"We had no idea we were breaking any rules," says stunned hubby Ingvar, 24, whose arrest was caught on film by a TV crew from the Swedish version of *Cops*, adding to the humiliation.

Sweden has among the most humane animal-rights laws in Europe, making mistreatment of almost any domesticated creature a serious crime.

The couple, who were married in July, admit they weren't the most devoted pet owners.

"We always made sure our goldfish Olof was fed once a day, but that was about it," confesses Maria, 23. "Maybe the people at the pet store told us something about having to change the water from time to time, but if so, we forgot about it."

The Gotenburgers' inadvertant fish-abuse came to light in August when, following a burglary next door, police dropped by to ask them if they'd seen any prowlers in the neighborhood. One sharp-eyed cop spotted the cloudy water in the fishbowl and reported the matter to his superiors.

The next day, the Gotenburgers got an unpleasant surprise when an animal-control officer, Sgt. Haakon Carlsson, came pounding on the door — with a TV crew covering his typical day in law.

"When I saw the condition of that bowl it really made me mad," says Sgt. Carlsson. "It was extremely cloudy and so foul it reeked. When I tested the pH, it was far off acceptable levels."

A CLEAR CASE OF ABUSE: Victim Olof the goldfish swims in the cloudy, foul-smelling bowl he calls home.

So the by-the-book officer slapped the hapless pair in cuffs and put them under arrest.

Recalls Ingvar, "When he told us he was arresting us for abuse of a goldfish, we thought it was a practical joke — that he had to be from one of those TV shows like your *Candid Camera*."

But the couple stopped laughing when they were hauled off to jail, booked and fingerprinted.

Later, in court, a prosecutor blasted their neglectful behavior as "callous and inexcusable."

"We felt so ashamed," Maria says. "During the hearing we literally hung our heads in shame."

In addition to the fine and jail time, the Gotenburgers were also ordered to attend a six-hour class on the proper care and feeding of fish — and study a 12-page manual on the subject.

"It was quite educational," admits Ingvar, who now makes sure Olof's water is changed regularly. "We understand we were wrong and we're doing a better job of being responsible pet owners."

REPENTENT: The Gotenburgers say they have cleaned up their act — and Olof's fishbowl.

'We thought it was a practical joke,' say stunned pet owners!

New law requires husbands of working wives to do half the housework or pay a stiff fine!

BONN, Germany — The German Parliament is expected to pass legislation next month that would require husbands of working wives to do half the housework — or face a stiff fine!

Polls here show that a third of German men do no housework at all, while women who work outside the home spend an additional 14 hours a week cooking, cleaning and caring for the kids. Soon, husbands who don't pitch in will be fined up to $5,000.

"It is sad that one has to regulate something like this in this day and age," said Minister for Women Angelika Birk. "But so many men are strangers to the stove and kitchen sink, and this has to be changed."

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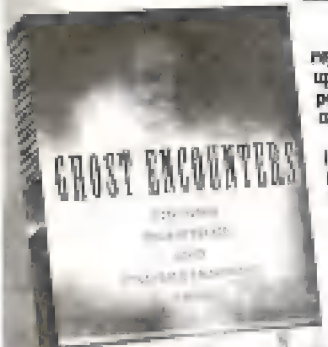
CAUTION TO READERS: Contact with the dead may be a terrifying experience for some people. If you have concerns, please contact your clergyman or other adviser before attempting it.

You can see ghosts just like the little boy in the hit movie *The Sixth Sense* — even if you've flunked dozens of ESP tests — by following the tips of a leading expert.

Famed clairvoyant Cassandra Eason tells how ordinary people can contact the dead without special powers or *Ghostbusters*-type equipment in her book, *Ghost Encounters, Finding Phantoms and Understanding Them* ($12.95, Sterling Publishing Co., New York, N.Y.)

"An open mind, sympathetic nature and infinite patience, rather than elaborate meters or expensive ghost-hunting weekends, are the tools necessary not only to encounter ghosts but to momentarily enter their worlds," the top psychic and paranormal researcher writes.

Here, from the expert, are some easy ways to seance up a ghost:



WHAT A HAUNTED HOUSE

■ Choose a place that is reputedly haunted and read up on the history of the site. If possible, arrange to go on an organized tour.

■ Pick a good time to visit. Sunrise and sunset are times when ghosts are said to be most active.

■ Steal away from the main tour and find an isolated spot — for example an old stable.

■ Relax and let the emotions emanating from

By MICHAEL FORSYTH
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the place, such as anger, love or fear, flow over you.

■ Focus on a wall, window or similar object and visualize in your mind's eye the source of those emotions. Let the figure gradually take form, superimposed on the background.

■ Listen carefully for any words spoken by the ghost, such as a plea or expression of regret.

RAISE A PSYCHIC SNEER

The most common contact with ghosts, especially of family members, comes through dreams. And you can deliberately induce a visit from a departed loved one in a psychic dream. Here's how:

■ Purchase a crystal, which can serve as a psychic link between the living and the dead. Amber, jet, amethyst and rutilated quartz — also known as angel stone — are the most effective.

■ Mentally project on the surface of the stone the image of the person you want to see in a dream.

■ Let the image sink deeper and deeper into the stone until it vanishes. Then blow out the candle.

■ Place the crystal beneath your pillow and go to sleep. If you're not visited by your loved one's ghost in your dreams, repeat the exercise the following night.

HANDLE DEAD PERSON'S POSSESSION

Another powerful technique for contacting the dead is psychometry, which involves handling old objects and trying to pick up psychic vibrations from them.

■ Find an object associated with the person, such as a photograph, piece of jewelry or souvenir.

■ Sit in a quiet place where you won't be disturbed. Be open as to what you will see or feel.

■ Hold the object and note its texture — rough, smooth, hard, etc. Feel the object getting warmer.

■ Now try to look inside the object, using your mind's eye. Accept the first image or sound that comes into your mind and let the sensations flow, however disjointed.

■ Finally, move beyond the artifact and allow the dead owner of the object to appear before you.

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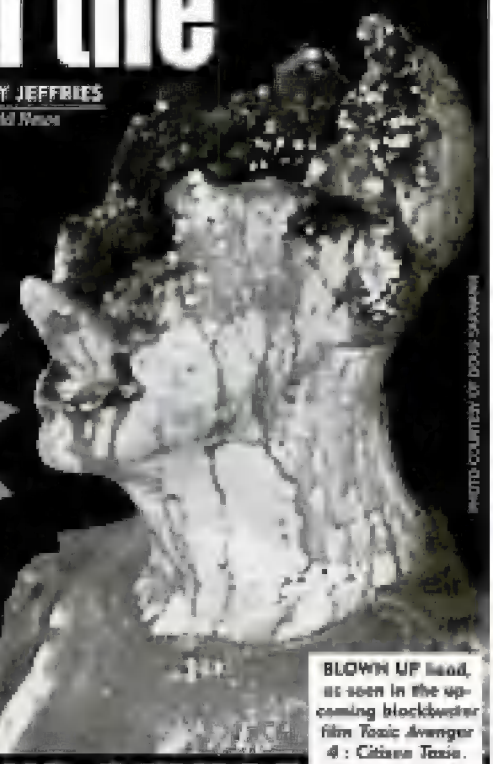

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NEW ULTRA-SOUND DEVICE MAKES PEOPLE'S HEADS EXPLODE!

WASHINGTON — National law enforcement officials are alarmed by the increased use of a dangerous weapon that people can use to kill their enemies — while they're talking to them on the telephone!

The terrifying, high-tech device is called the USPED — short for Ultrasonic Personnel Elimination Device. It was developed and perfected by the KGB during the cold war and is a complex but tiny electronic sound generator housed in the phone mouthpiece.

The USPED generates high-decibel sonic waves capable of traveling through the phone line and into the recipient's ear canal, literally exploding the listener's brain.

The sound is so strong that if it were to be broadcast through stadium speakers, for instance, it could crumble a five-story brick building.

"The USPED was never meant to fall into the hands of the general populace," says Dr. Rudolph Chenichev, formerly of the Soviet Union. Dr. Chenichev, a brilliant physicist, helped develop the awesome weapon in the late 1960s and now deeply regrets it.

"It's a highly specialized weapon that, even then, was intended to be used only in extreme cases," said Dr. Chenichev, who immigrated to the United States in 1979 and now lives here in Washington.

But with the breakdown of the Soviet government and the ensuing widespread corruption in Russia, USPEDs are being sold on the black market.

Many have reached the U. S. They've already been used to kill more than 50 people here and experts predict deaths will increase as more of the deadly machines fall into the hands of gang members, hate groups and mentally unbalanced private citizens.

"The most frightening thing about the USPED is how easily it kills," said Dr. Chenichev. "All he has to do is make a simple phone call, hold the receiver to the sound hole, flip a switch and — just like that — the victim is dead. And it works on long distance calls as easily as it does on local ones."

Dr. Chenichev

Experts fear that USPEDs will soon be used on telephone solicitors who call at all hours and bother people with sales pitches.

"This is an angry society," said one psychologist. "Just as the 'road rage' phenomenon is increasing, so is anger at telemarketers.

"When some callers learn how easy it is to retaliate against these sales people, I shudder to think of what will happen."

Gunshot victim refuses to hand over bullet that almost killed him — here's why:

CARDIFF, Wales — Gunshot victim Ray Bruell told cops they could have the bullet that's lodged in his chest — but they'll have to wait until he dies!

The bullet is the only piece of ballistic evidence police have against two teenagers charged with robbing and shooting the 63-year-old man.

But the bullet is lodged in a dangerous spot and doctors

Bruell is fully recovered from the wound and says the cops are going to have to wait a long time to get the evidence.

Fortunately, both of the teen

Man sucked up

PARIS — The inventor of a new, industrial vacuum cleaner died tragically during a public demonstration of the device — when the machine accidently sucked him up and killed him!

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IT'S A FACT . . .

THE 'GOOD OLD DAYS' WERE SUPER-STRESSFUL!

By PORTER WRIGHT / Weekly World News

Contrary to popular opinion, people face less stress in their lives today than their ancestors did back in "the good old days," declares a clinical psychologist.

Modern living is less stressful because people are healthier, more loving, more expressive and better rewarded for their work than in the past, according to Dr. Bernie Zilbergeld.

"Until recently, people suffered the daily stress of not knowing if there'd be enough food," notes Dr. Zilbergeld, who's written a book on the subject. "They also had to deal with diseases like smallpox and typhus that are largely conquered now.

"In many, many ways our lives are better today than any other peoples' in history."

People today have gotten the idea that their relationships are loveless and uncommunicative. But Dr. Zilbergeld insists "there's no evidence that we're less loving than our ancestors."

In fact, he says, modern people are better at expressing feelings, desires and hurts than people in the past.

"The current high divorce rate doesn't mean relationships were better in the past — only that today's marital goals and expectations are so much higher that they're difficult to achieve.

"In the past, if you had someone who didn't burn down the house, who helped produce children or plowed the fields, you were doing okay. Love is a very modern idea."

It's also far from the truth that parents in the past were more loving and attentive toward their children, Dr. Zilbergeld says.

Prior to modern times, child killing, the abandonment of children and beating of youngsters by parents "seemed the norm," he says.

And contrary to myth, studies show that suicide, mental breakdowns and domestic violence appear to be less frequent today than they once were, he adds.

Alcoholism — also often attributed to the stress of modern living — actually is far less now than it was in America's past, Dr. Zilbergeld noted.

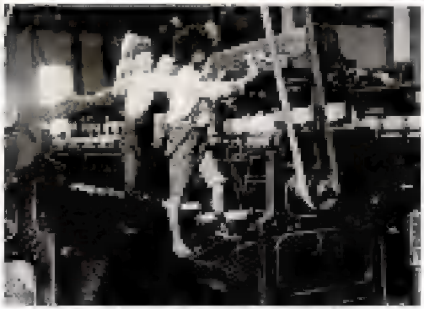
"Per capita consumption of alcoholic beverages today is less than half of what it was between 1750 and 1830."

In addition, jobs today offer more variety, demand fewer hours of work and bring better salaries.

"We have a far greater variety of jobs to choose from. We also work fewer hours under safer conditions.

"All in all we have more time, energy and money than our ancestors for activities to fulfill needs not met at work —

POOR LIVING CONDITIONS forced many to find warmth and shelter wherever possible.



CHILD LABOR LAWS WERE NONEXISTENT — children left school to work for pennies a day to help put food on the table.

Mid-life divorce is great for women, reveals Duke University study!

Gals, want to lift your spirits? Get a divorce! Splitting up at middle age is a terrific morale-booster for women, while it bums men out, surprising new university research shows!

Duke University researchers surveyed 2,274 people born between 1942 and 1948 who all ended up getting divorced in middle age. Men, by and large, became more depressed and became lower achievers — but women showed a surge in positive emotions, becoming more outgoing, upbeat and goal-oriented.

While wives may suffer a temporary financial setback when their higher-earning spouse takes a powder, in the long run, dumping a "dead wood" mate can be the best thing that ever happened to a woman, the researchers found.

"Divorce at mid-life is more empowering for women than it is for men," Paul Costa of the National Institute on

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SHROUD OF TURIN SHOCKER!

Startling new evidence proves burial cloth of Jesus is authentic!

New scientific analysis proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that the shroud really was made in ancient times — in Jerusalem!

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Skeptics who've argued for decades that the Shroud of Turin is a fake manufactured in medieval Europe have been forced to eat their words. New scientific analysis proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that it really was made in ancient times — in Jerusalem!

By MICHAEL FORSYTH
Weekly World News

The blockbuster finding, based on an examination of pollen grains and plant images found on the shroud, supports the traditional belief that the mysterious cloth bearing the imprint of a bearded man's face and body was the burial cloth of Jesus Christ. And the discovery blows out of the water earlier studies that suggested the shroud was made in Europe around 1390 A.D.

"We have identified by images and by pollen grains species on the shroud restricted to the vicinity of Jerusalem," botany professor Avinoam Danin of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem announced during an international conference of plant experts held in St. Louis recently.

"The sayings that the shroud is from Europe can't hold."

By carefully analyzing faint floral images found on the shroud, the scientists were able to identify several plant species that are only found in the Holy Land in the spring — the time that Jesus was crucified, according to the Gospels.

The scientists also identified pollen from a form of tumbleweed and a bean caper found only in the Jerusalem area.

An image of a thornbush like print of Christ's head — and may be the "crown of thorns" referred to in the Bible, the experts believe.

The pollen patterns are nearly identical to those found on a cloth believed to date back to the first century A.D. — so scientists are convinced that the shroud must be about the same age.

The shroud, which has been kept in the city of Turin, Italy, since 1578, also bears blood stains that precisely match the crucifixion wounds of Jesus as described in the Scriptures.

The blood type on the cloth — believed to be that of the Messiah — was AB negative, Prof. Danin revealed.

Escaped murderer recaptured while digging up his victim!

MUNICH, Germany — A murderer who broke out of jail was captured just six hours later — at a graveyard

END OF THE WORLD?

Secret government report issued in 1965 predicts the Apocalypse will begin on Christmas Day!

WASHINGTON, D.C. — There is no need to worry about the Millennium Bug computer crisis, due to kick in on Jan. 1, 2000 — because the world will end in late December!

That is the startling claim of a former National Security Agency (NSA) insider, who says the government has known the date of the Apocalypse for more than 30 years!

"There's a very simple reason why computers were only programmed to count up to the year 1999 — it's because government scientists know that this will be the last year of human history," says former NSA analyst Robert H. Curlington of Washington, D.C.

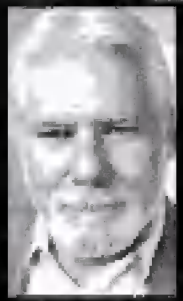
Newspapers, TV and other media have helped to spread growing public panic about the so-called Millennium Bug or Y2K computer glitch — which makes it impossible for computers to understand dates in the year 2000 or beyond.

They've warned that the programming "mistake" could cause pension checks to stop cold, bank account balances to vanish overnight — even cause many microchip-driven machines ranging from microwave ovens to cars and elevators to go haywire this coming New Year's Day.

But Curlington says that this will never happen, because Jan. 1, 2000 will never arrive.

"Back in 1965, there was great concern among leaders that many of the signs of the End Times foretold in the Bible were in evidence — such as the return of the Jews to the Holy Land and the arms race, which made the destruction of the entire Earth truly possible," revealed Curlington.

President Lyndon Johnson summoned a group of Bible scholars to the White House and ordered them to study the Scriptures and come up with a timetable for the Apocalypse, the ex-NSA insider.



NSA analyst Robert Curlington.

"After poring over the Scriptures and conferring, the theologians agreed that the world would most likely end during the month of December, 1999," said Curlington. "And the 25th — Christmas Day — appeared to be the most likely possibility."

Since that time, government planners have consistently used the date December 25, 1999 as Doomsday, Curlington claims. "This because common knowledge among most scientists and business leaders, but of course the general public was never informed, to avoid widespread panic."

When scientists began programming computers in the 1960s and 1970s, they decided to use only the last two digits to designate years, such as 76 for 1976.

"They knew there would never be a need to go past 99," Curlington explained.

Curlington says he's breaking the code of silence to quell public fears over the Y2K crisis.

"People have been hoarding food and water, stock-piling weapons and building elaborate retreats in the hinterlands — they need to know that there is no point in doing any of that," he said.

"What they should be doing is getting right with the Lord, repenting or doing whatever they have to do to prepare for the end."

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS SPECIAL REPORT

By MIKE FOSTER

GIRLIE MAGAZINE TURNS DOWN GRANNY FOR NUDE PHOTO SHOOT!

BONN, Germany — A girlie magazine photographer got the shock of his life when he invited coeds at the University of Bonn to pose naked for a feature spread on campus life — and a doddering 81-year-old woman showed up as his first volunteer!

The photog said the go-get-'em granny had telephoned in advance and scheduled a photo session.

"I invited her to come on in, but when I got one look at her, I had to tell her she just wasn't what we had in mind," said photographer Kurt Steener. "It turned out she really was enrolled at the university, and she was all set to strip to the skin for me, but I couldn't let her do it.

"The poor thing just re-

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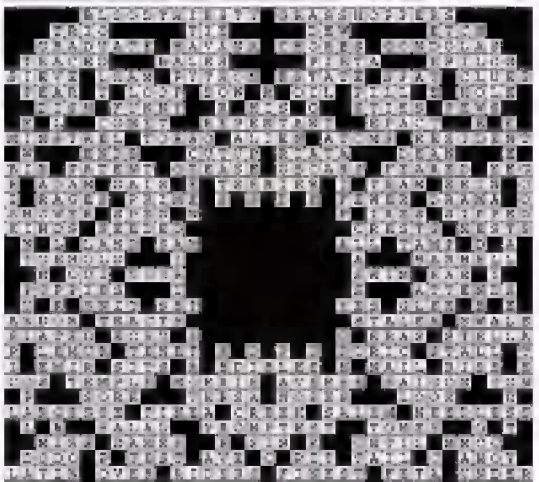

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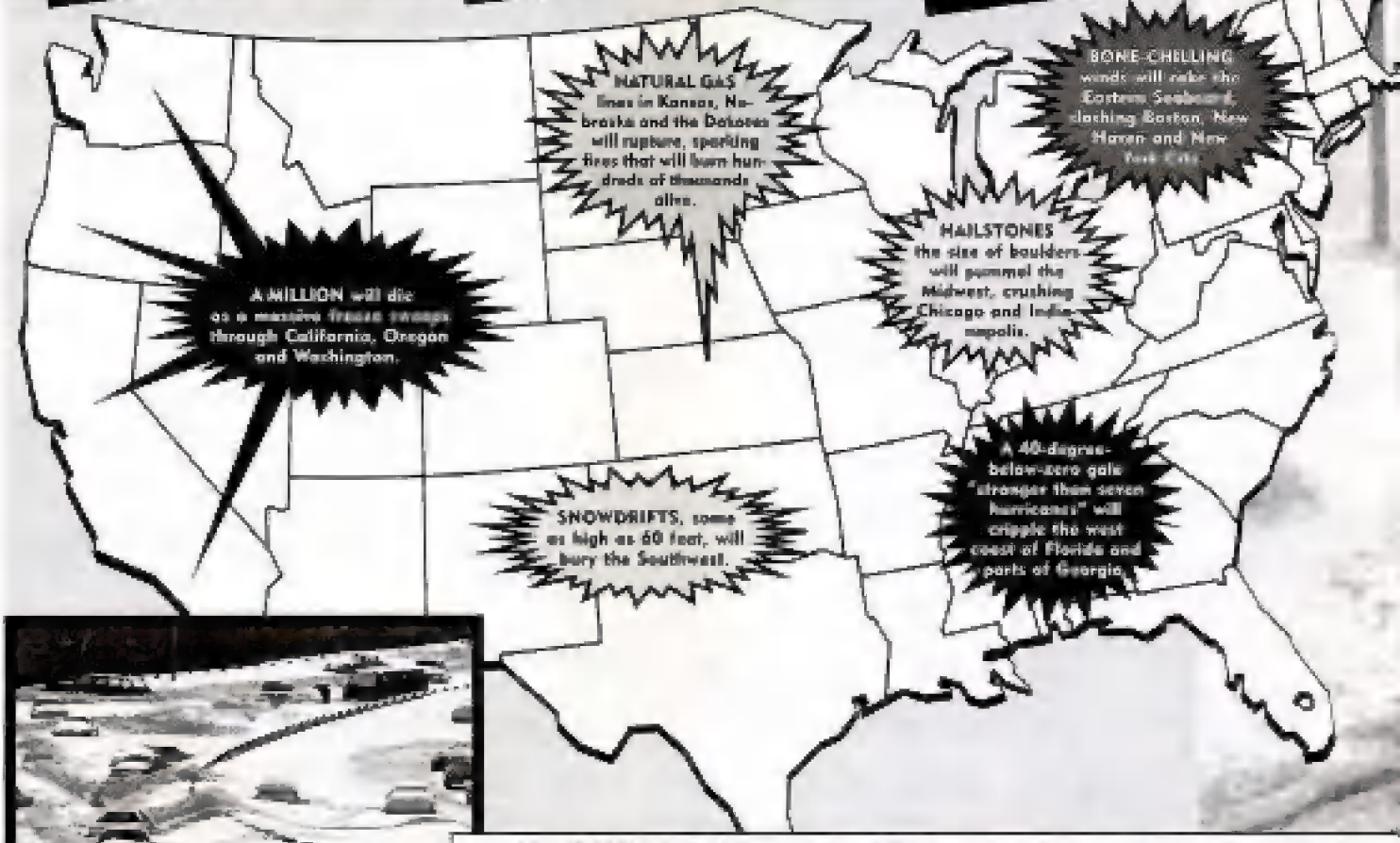
• Deadly snowstorms bury the Southwest!

• Record-setting temperatures punish the South!

• Midwest slammed by hail the size of boulders!



DEADLY snowstorms will paralyze America's highways and kill hundreds of thousands!

WASHINGTON — Terrifying predictions from the Holy Bible clearly indicate the winter of 1999-2000 will be far worse than last year — in fact, it will be the coldest and deadliest winter in history!

By RANDY JEFFRIES
Weekly World News

Noted Christian scholar and Bible expert Dr. Alex Hameil warns that millions will die in an unprecedented wave of sub-zero weather. Ice winds, hail and snowstorms will sweep across the country, crippling the government and raining chaos and pandemonium on dozens of major U.S. cities.

"There is a nightmare winter ahead for us," says Dr. Hameil. "The impending death and property destruction are indescribable.

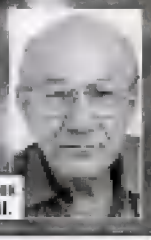
"I wish the news was better. But more than 50 key passages in books of the Bible as diverse as Revelation, Ezekiel and Jeremiah — not to mention the Dead Sea Scrolls — point to 1999 as the year God releases His fury on Earth — specifically America.

"I prayed long and hard over whether or not to go public with this information. Many of my well-meaning colleagues, who also know what is coming, have advised

BIBLE PREDICTS WORST WINTER EVER!

AT LEAST 40 U.S. cities will be devastated. No American is safe, says Bible expert.

Prophesies tell of terrifying ice storms that will kill millions in the U.S.


Dr. Alan Hameil.

me against it. They fear national panic. But I believe God means for people to know or He wouldn't have made these dire predictions so clear in His Word."

The ancient prophesies reveal that the entire country will feel the terrible effects of the cold spell.

"The Dead Sea Scrolls, particularly, cite the geographic area which is now the United States," said Dr. Hameil. "The texts tell of a 'violent freezing wind' blowing down from the Arctic and 'striking with the force of seven hurricanes.'

"The winds will blow power lines down, block roads and virtually paralyze all communications from one city to another. Stranded motorists will freeze to death in their cars. Natural gas lines will rupture, doing billions of dollars worth of damage and burning people in their homes.

"People will look in vain for warmth but it will be nowhere to be found. And the ordeal could last for as long as 30 days."

Dr. Hameil, 46, gives us this hellish picture of the coming winter:

● The first — and worst — winds will pound the Gulf Coast on December 29 — four days after Christmas. The 40-degree-below-zero gale will cripple coastal cities from Tampa, Fla., to New Orleans, then as it moves up into Georgia and South Carolina.

● Less than a week later a devastating windstorm will strike the Northeast and rake the Eastern Seaboard, slashing Boston, New Haven, Conn., and New York City.

● Meanwhile, deadly snow and ice storms will be pounding the Southwest. In Arizona, the cities of Phoenix and Tucson will be buried in snowdrifts as high as 60 feet.

● Los Angeles, San Francisco and cities in Oregon and Washington will be spared from the winds. But a million people will die when a deep, still freeze settles over the West on January 15.

● Natural gas lines all over Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas will break, turning those states to sheets of fire, burning hundreds of thousands of people alive.

● Hailstones the size of boulders will batter the Midwest, virtually flattening the cities of Chicago, Indianapolis and Cincinnati.

The Scriptures say the devastation will strike 40 'centers of human life' — in other words, cities.

"There will definitely be destruction in Canada and Mexico. But the worst of it will hit the United States with a fury never before witnessed in the history of the world.

"One thing is certain," says Dr. Hameil. "No American can feel safe. State governments can't help, the federal governments can't help. The only

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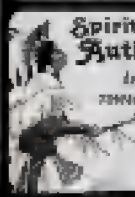

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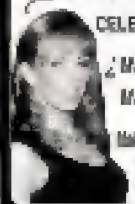

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GIANT HOROSCOPE

By SERENA SABAK
PSYCHIC ASTROLOGER TO THE RICH AND FAMOUS

For the week of October 11

ARIES
Mar. 21 — Apr. 19

Friction occurs this week when a pushy companion insists on taking a hard stance during a silly disagreement. Don't give in to your Aries tendency to argue, this is one time you'd be smart to just walk away.

The alignment of the stars indicates there may be danger lurking in your future. Be extra careful driving and even when crossing the street.

TAURUS
Apr. 20 — May 20

You've been wanting some time alone — and this would be the perfect week to get it. Solitary time is good for absorbing what has happened to you in the past few weeks and planning future strategies.

Romantic feelings blossom at the end of the week. Expect renewed interest from a special person from your past — even if you are already in a long-term commitment.

GEMINI
May 21 — June 20

Your natural cheerfulness may be rewarded this week by someone you barely know.

A friend or relative may ask for your advice this week. Carefully consider whether you should interfere.

All signs point toward improvements in your home life. Be consistent in your dealings with others and they will respect you for it.

CANCER
June 21 — July 22

Being sensitive is one of your greatest talents, but be careful this week not to allow yourself to be manipulated by others while you are trying to help.

Don't be afraid to take a chance. Good fortune could come from a source that you would never expect.

Allow yourself to spread your wings a little. Life is short — get out there and enjoy it.

LEO
July 23 — Aug. 22

Get ready for a wild, unpredictable ride this week. You'll have a lot of ups and downs but in the end the experience will be very much worthwhile.

You'll need a cool head to prevent a friendship from exploding in your face this week. Keep your arrogance in check or you might end up with more trouble than you're prepared to deal with right now.

VIRGO
Aug. 23 — Sept. 22

Stop, look and listen this week. Someone could be cooking up a big surprise behind your back — and what you don't know could really hurt you.

Be alert for sudden changes in actions and attitudes. Let those around you know you won't stand by and let them walk all over you.

A remark overheard in a crowded room could lead to riches.

LIBRA
Sept. 23 — Oct. 22

Follow a creative urge this week and you will be surprised where it leads.

Trust your instincts and don't worry about what others might think.

Now is the time to settle a simmering family dispute before it gets out of hand. Rely on your flair for tact and diplomacy to help solve the problem.

Don't underestimate your own talents for getting along with people.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23 — Nov. 21

A highly unusual situation may come your way this week, so be prepared to take advantage of it. Get advice from experts if necessary, but don't waste any time.

A Scorpio tendency toward possessiveness could cause friction. Do your best to see the other side's point of view and everything should be okay.

Reserve the weekend for time with your loved ones.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22 — Dec. 21

This week is a great time to use your natural enthusiasm to go after something you've always wanted. Your chance for success is excellent this week.

Pesky doubts about a relationship may trouble you near the end of the week. Go straight to the source of the problem and ask what's going on.

Reserve the weekend for outdoor activities.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22 — Jan. 19

Your intuition is right on the money this week. Don't be afraid to make some long-term decisions.

Family members have your best interests at heart, even if it doesn't always seem that way.

A person you trust may be telling you a tale that isn't totally true. Listen carefully and you'll be able to pick out the parts of the story that don't add up.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20 — Feb. 18

A new and disturbing situation could leave you frazzled this week. Look to new areas for a solution to your problems.

You're at your best when campaigning for an underdog. But keep in mind that your personal needs sometimes have to come first.

You'll have to make a tough personal decision this week. Think it out clearly and you'll do the right thing.

PISCES
Feb. 19 — Mar. 20

You've been working your fingers to the bone — and this week will give you a chance to get some rest and relaxation.

Your creative juices are flowing, so use your abilities to impress your friends and co-workers. You'll enjoy the benefits in the near future.

The health of a loved one may become cause for concern. Encourage him or her to call a doctor.

If your birthday is this week . . .

This year will be full of adventure for you.

When the weather turns cold you may have an opportunity to travel to areas you have never visited. Don't

with you all year. But don't let your newfound good fortune distract you from your work responsibilities.

Follow your instincts when a friend asks for a favor and you won't

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THEY CALL IT JUSTICE — SINGAPORE STYLE!

By MIKE FOSTER
Weekly World News

SINGAPORE — In an appalling miscarriage of justice, a Dutch tourist was arrested, jailed and caned 50 times — for the "crime" of smoking in an elevator!

Shocking photos of 24-year-old Anna Wittelsbach receiving the cruel, humiliating punishment have sparked outrage and criticism throughout Europe.

Dutch beauty caned 50 times — for smoking in an elevator!

"This was barbaric treatment of a Dutch national," said a lawyer working for the government of the Netherlands, which attempted to intervene. "We protested vehemently against the sentence but we were helpless to prevent the Singapore courts from acting in accordance with their laws."

For Anna, a striking blonde college student majoring in chemical engineering, the nightmare began on what was supposed to be the last day of a two-week stay on the peaceful island nation.

She was aware of strict no-smoking laws in the highly regimented society, but says she wasn't concerned because she was alone on the elevator.

"I lit a cigarette without even thinking and took a puff, then I remembered. I quickly stamped out the butt on the floor before I got down to the lobby," she told a newspaper in Amsterdam.

"As I stepped out of the elevator, a security guard sniffed the air, smelled smoke and ordered me to halt. He held me for the police and the next thing I knew I was being led off in handcuffs."

Anna says that she was "stunned" three days later when a judge announced she was to be fined the equivalent of $500 U.S. and caned 50 times. She exhausted every avenue of appeal and sought the help of her embassy — all to no avail. At high noon on August 24, the frightened coed was led out into a courtyard to receive the punishment, meted out by a leering, merciless guard.

"I was told to bend over and place my hands, which were chained together, on a small metal table," she recalled. "Then the guard laced into me

STRIKING BLONDE Anna Wittelsbach was enjoying the last day of her vacation when she got busted. BELOW: The brutal caning was captured on film by Australian photojournalist Ian McAlistar.

'After five strokes, I was crying like a baby and begging for mercy'

"I could feel the bamboo cutting my flesh like a razor. I didn't want to give them the satisfaction of seeing me cry, but after five strokes I was weeping like a baby and begging for mercy."

Australian photojournalist Ian McAlistar, who has been doing a series on the Singapore penal system, captured the dramatic scene on film.

"It was the most disgusting spectacle I've ever seen," he

Singapore, who shrug off the criticism.

"The defendant received the mildest penalty available under the law," an official said.

Boy shoots schoolmate — for beating him in spelling bee!

PALERMO, Italy — In another shocking case of senseless school violence, a 13-year-old boy shot and killed a 12-year-old girl — because she beat him in a spelling bee!

sessed with perfection. He finished second in the competition.

'SMOTHER' OF ALL HUGS!

NICE, France — Flabby, 420-pound topless dancer Cassandra duPurnay performed a 15-minute lap dance for a skinny customer at a Nice nightclub — then pulled away to discover that the goggle-eyed guy had suffocated in her billows of blubber!

Cops say wealthy Belgian car dealer Claude Vandoorne died as the 64-58-62 temptress danced between his legs, pressing her meaty torso against his face and chest.

"Other patrons tell us that while performing what's called a 'lap dance' for Mr. Vandoorne, Miss duPurnay pulled his head into her naked bosom and held it there for quite some time, during which Mr. Vandoorne apparently suffocated," Police Detective Daniel Pescoeure told reporters.

"And once you see her, it's easy to understand how that might happen. The woman's breasts are enormous and the rest of her body is encased in rolls of fat. You shove a man's face in there and it would be easy to suffocate him — very, very easy, I'd say."

Detective Pescoeure said manslaughter charges may be filed against scale-crunching Cassandra, 28.

"When you have a body like that, you have to be careful how you use it," the shocked cop insisted. "Once she stuck his head in there, that wimpy little guy didn't have a chance."

Scrawny Claude, 46, met his wide-bodied Waterloo August 10 during "fat night" at the poshest topless nightclub in Nice, a ritzy resort on the French Riviera.

"Six nights a week we have the sexiest girls in the world dancing on our stage — but every Monday night is 'fat night,'" said stunned club owner Adrian Coudurier. "We started it as a joke, figuring guys might come in just to laugh and point at the fat girls jiggling around onstage like Silly Putty.

"But before long, Monday night became the busiest night of the week — and eventually we realized that lots of men, especially skinny guys, were really turned on by these fat, sweaty girls.

"Something about them just drives skinny guys wild." And witnesses say rawboned Claude was absolutely captivated by Cassandra's mountains of shivering, quivering flab from the moment he first laid

By JOE BERGER / *Weekly World News*
Cartoon by DICK KULPA

420-pound lap dancer puts squeeze on customer — and suffocates him!

only for Cassandra," recalled his devastated drinking buddy Bernard Gaits. "Finally, she came to our table and asked him if he wanted a lap dance, and he was so excited he stuck 500 francs (about $95) into her bikini bottom.

contented baby at his mother's breast. Then, after a while, he got very still, and I thought he was just enjoying the moment, you know.

thing was very, very wrong."

A medical examiner ruled that the bony businessman died of asphyxiation, leaving rattled Cassandra's career in doubt.

"After something like this, I don't

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FOR MEN ONLY!

10 things guys do that turn gals off!

HUNDREDS of women reveal men's romantic mistakes.

Guys, pay attention. This article could keep you from blowing your chance to find romance — or help you save the one you have!

Even if you think you know all the right romantic moves, you can probably learn something from the hundreds of women we talked to who reveal the WRONG ones.

By R. NEALE LIND
Weekly World News

Weekly World News surveyed 213 women, asking them what they most disliked about men's sexual and courtship techniques.

A surprising number of gals' gripes have to do with the art of kissing — a lost art among many men, according to the women.

Here, for the education of husbands, boyfriends and would-be boyfriends everywhere, are the top 10 turn-offs, things that guys do during or just before sex that are likely to douse the flames of a woman's desire:

1. SLOPPY, WET KISSING — Women hate to be kissed with slobbery wet lips.

2. HARD, AGGRESSIVE KISSING — Women can't stand to have their lips mashed against their teeth. Don't press so hard, guys.

3. WIMPY KISSING — Although pressing too hard is a no-no, so is the other extreme: Limp, indifferent kisses that lack passion or enthusiasm.

4. NOT BOTHERING TO SHAVE — This one should be obvious. Women hate to have their faces scraped by stubble. Shave before you kiss.

5. BLOWING IN HER EAR TOO HARD — If you want to use this old high school "trick," at least do it with some finesse. Breathe gently into her ear — don't huff and puff. Remember, ears are sensitive.

6. BEING IN A RUSH — Guys, take your time. Women hate to feel rushed or pressured into sex. They like to know they're wanted but they also want it to be a relaxed, unhurried experience. Take a lesson from the Pointer Sisters: When it comes to love, she wants a slow hand.

7. ANSWERING THE TELEPHONE DURING FOREPLAY — Bad move, fellas. Nothing will break the mood faster. It's like saying, "What I'm doing right now is okay but THIS might be important."

8. TALKING TO HER ABOUT OTHER WOMEN — No woman wants to hear her man compare her to his past lovers. Competition has no place in an intimate man-woman relationship.

9. BRINGING HER HOME TO A MESSY PLACE — If you're trying to sweep her off her feet, you might try sweeping your floor first. Women are very turned off by mess, dirt and disorder.

10. TALKING DIRTY — Women are sensitive to language. You may have noticed in high school that it wasn't always the good-looking guys who got the girls — sometimes it was the smooth talker. Crudity can send her packing.

Angry gal sues bar after losing wet T-shirt contest

CANCUN, Mexico — An angry co-ed was so miffed after losing the $150 first prize in a bar's wet T-shirt contest that she got herself a lawyer — and sued the place!

Juanita Cortez, 19, is suing for the $150 plus "considerable emotional distress."

MOM STRAPS TOT IN CAR SEAT FOR 23 MONTHS

. . . because he looked like the man who dumped her!

LEEDS, England — Wicked mom Susan Cook kept her 22-month-old son Kurt strapped in a car seat nearly every waking hour of his life — because he looked like his dad, who skipped town when he was born!

And the helpless youngster's tragic life came to an end when he died after being tightly wrapped up like a mummy in his bedsheets. He apparently had choked to death on his own vomit.

Shocked neighbors described the blue-eyed, blond-haired little boy as an angel. But Susan, 24, hated the little nipper because he looked just like his runaway dad, who had dumped her.

Susan had taken Kurt and her two other kids and moved in with her mother, Brenda Walton, 47, after the children's father left her.

mouth with her hand and pinched his nose until he turned blue.

Neighbors testified the baby was always strapped in the car seat when they visited the Walton home.

One of those worried neighbors had alerted authorities about the child's treatment six months before his death. Social workers had

guilty of cruelty and sentenced to 3½ years in jail. She wasn't charged with murder or manslaughter because the coroner said the cause of death was inconclusive. Mrs. Walton received a 12-month suspended sentence for adding to the child's suffering by her "callous indifference."

COP ATTACKS COUPLE WHO WERE DUELING WITH WATER PISTOLS!

NEWARK, N.J. — When a brave cop saw a quarreling couple draw a pair of pistols, square off at 10 paces and take aim at each other, he sprang into action — socking the man in the jaw and wrestling the woman to the ground. That's when the red-faced officer learned that the loving newlyweds were armed with WATER PISTOLS . . . and this was the way they settled all their spats!

MAN MAKES BIG BUCKS USING

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"Now people stop and stare at me as I walk through the streets. Many ask me what I did to have such beautiful hair.

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